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THE  
BELIEVER'S DAILY  
TREASURE,

OR

TEXTS OF SCRIPTURE,

ARRANGED FOR EVERY DAY IN THE YEAR.

The law of thy mouth is better unto me than  
thousands of gold and silver. *Psalm cxix. 72.*

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JANUARY.

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*THE TRUE BELIEVER.*

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1. THE BELIEVER THE OBJECT OF  
DIVINE LOVE.

IN this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him. 1 *John* iv. 9.

Pause, my soul, adore and wonder,  
Ask, Oh, why such love to me?  
Grace hath put me in the number  
Of the Saviour's family :  
Hallelujah !  
Thanks, eternal thanks to thee.

## 2. REDEEMED BY THE BLOOD OF CHRIST.

Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold—but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot. 1 *Pet.* i. 18, 19.

Our sins and griefs on him were laid;  
He meekly bore the mighty load:  
Our ransom price he fully paid,  
By offering up himself to God.

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## 3. RENEWED BY THE HOLY GHOST.

Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost. *Titus* iii. 5.

Vain is every outward rite,  
Unless thy grace be given:  
Nothing but thy life and light,  
Can form a soul for heaven.

## 4. PARTAKER OF THE DIVINE NATURE.

Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises : that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. 2 *Pet.* i. 4.

Blessed are the sons of God ;  
They are bought with Christ's own blood ;  
They produce the fruits of grace  
In the works of righteousness :  
Born of God, they hate all sin ;  
God's pure work remains within.

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## 5. JUSTIFIED BEFORE GOD THROUGH CHRIST.

By him all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses. *Acts* xiii. 39.

Jesus, thy blood and righteousness  
My beauty are, and glorious dress ;  
'Midst flaming worlds, in these arrayed,  
With joy shall I lift up my head.

## 6. UNITED TO CHRIST.

I am the vine, ye are the branches :  
he that abideth in me, and I in him,  
the same bringeth forth much fruit :  
for without me ye can do nothing.  
*John xv. 5.*

Lord of the vineyard, we adore  
That power and grace divine,  
Which plants our wild, our barren souls,  
In Christ the living Vine.

For ever there may I abide,  
And from that vital root  
Be influence spread through every branch,  
To form and feed the fruit.

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## 7. JOINT-HEIR WITH CHRIST.

If children, then heirs ; heirs of God,  
and joint-heirs with Christ. *Rom. viii.*

17.

Pronounce me, gracious God, thy son ;  
Own me an heir divine ;  
I'll pity princes on the throne.  
When I can call thee mine :  
Sceptres and crowns unenvied rise,  
And lose their lustre in mine eyes.

## 8. COMPLETE IN CHRIST.

For in him dwelleth all the fulness  
of the Godhead bodily. And ye are  
complete in him. *Col. ii. 9, 10.*

Thy saints on earth, and those above,  
Here join in sweet accord :  
One body all in mutual love,  
And thou their common Lord.  
Yes, thou that body wilt present  
Before thy Father's face,  
Nor shall a wrinkle or a spot  
Its beauteous form disgrace.

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## 9. CHRIST THE BELIEVER'S ADVOCATE.

If any man sin, we have an advocate  
with the Father, Jesus Christ the right-  
eous. *1 John ii. 1.*

Look up, my soul, with cheerful eye,  
See where the great Redeemer stands—  
Thy glorious Advocate on high,  
With precious incense in his hands.  
He sweetens every humble groan,  
He recommends each broken prayer ;  
Recline thy hope on him alone,  
Whose power and love forbid despair.

## 10. CHRIST THE HOPE OF THE BELIEVER.

Paul an apostle of Jesus Christ by the commandment of God our Saviour, and Lord Jesus Christ, which is our hope. 1 *Tim.* i. 1.

Jesus, my Lord, I look to thee :

Where else can helpless sinners go?  
Thy boundless love shall set me free  
From all my wretchedness and woe.

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## 11. CHRIST THE LIFE OF THE BELIEVER.

When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory. *Col.* iii. 4.

If my immortal Saviour lives,  
Then my eternal life is sure ;  
His word a firm foundation gives,  
Here let me build, and rest secure.  
Here, O my soul, thy trust repose ;  
If Jesus is for ever mine,  
Not death itself, that last of foes,  
Shall break a union so divine.



12. CHRIST THE PEACE OF THE BELIEVER.

Now in Christ Jesus ye who sometime were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace.

*Eph. ii. 13, 14.*

“He is our peace”—for by his blood  
Sinners are reconciled to God ;  
Sweet harmony is now restored,  
And man beloved, and God adored.

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13. CHRIST THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF THE BELIEVER.

This is his name whereby he shall be called, The Lord our righteousness.

*Jer. xxiii. 6.*

Saviour divine, we know thy name ;  
And in that name we trust ;  
Thou art the Lord our righteousness,  
Thou art thine Israel's boast.

That spotless robe which thou hast wrought,  
Shall clothe us all around ;  
Nor by the piercing eye of God,  
One blemish shall be found.

## 14. THE TEMPLE OF THE SPIRIT.

Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God. 1 *Cor.* vi. 19.

Creator Spirit! by whose aid  
The world's foundations first were laid,  
Come, visit every humble mind:  
Come, pour thy joys on human kind:  
From sin and sorrow set us free,  
And make us temples worthy thee.

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## 15. SANCTIFIED BY THE SPIRIT.

God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth. 2 *Thess.* ii. 13.

Come, Holy Spirit, love divine,  
Thy cleansing power impart;  
Each erring thought and wish refine  
That wanders near my heart.

## 16.      UPHELD BY THE SPIRIT.

That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man. *Eph. iii. 16.*

Assisted by his grace,  
We still pursue our way ;  
And hope at last to reach the prize,  
Secure in endless day.

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## 17. THE SPIRIT OF ADOPTION RECEIVED.

Ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear ; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. *Rom. viii. 15.*

Assure my conscience of her part  
In the Redeemer's blood,  
And bear thy witness in my heart  
That I am born of God.

## 18. COMFORTED BY THE SPIRIT.

When the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me. *John xv. 26.*

In the hour of my distress,  
When temptations me oppress,  
And when I my sins confess—  
Sweet Spirit, comfort me.

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## 19. SEALED BY THE SPIRIT.

Grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption. *Eph. iv. 30.*

Forbid it, Lord, that we  
Who from thy hands receive  
The Spirit's power to make us free,  
Should e'er that Spirit grieve.  
Oh keep our faith alive,  
Help us to watch and pray ;  
Lest, by our carelessness, we drive  
The sacred Guest away.

## 20. TAUGHT BY THE SPIRIT.

When he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth : for he shall not speak of himself ; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak : and he will show you things to come. *John xvi. 13.*

Thine inward teachings make me know  
The mysteries of redeeming love,  
The emptiness of things below,  
And excellence of things above.

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## 21. FELLOW-CITIZEN WITH THE SAINTS.

Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow-citizens with the saints, and of the household of God. *Eph. ii. 19.*

The kindred links of life are bright,  
Yet not so bright as those  
In which Christ's favoured friends unite,  
And each on each repose :  
Where all the hearts in union cling,  
With Him, the centre and the spring.

## 22. LIVES A LIFE OF FAITH IN CHRIST.

I am crucified with Christ : nevertheless I live ; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me : and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God. *Gal.* ii. 20.

Close to the ignominious tree,  
Jesus, my humbled soul would cleave ;  
Despised and crucified with thee,  
With Christ resolved to die and live :  
There would I bow my suppliant knee,  
And own no other Lord but thee.

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23. LIVES A LIFE OF CONSECRATION  
TO GOD.

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. *Rom.* xii. 1.

Thine, wholly thine, I want to be ;  
The sacrifice receive :  
Made, and preserved, and saved by thee,  
To thee myself I give.

## 24. LIVES A LIFE OF HOPE.

Looking for the mercy of our Lord  
Jesus Christ unto eternal life. *Jude 21.*

Rejoice in glorious hope ;  
Jesus, the Judge, shall come,  
And take his servants up  
To their eternal home :  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice ;  
Rejoice, he bids his saints rejoice.

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## 25. DELIVERED FROM CONDEMNATION.

There is now no condemnation to  
them which are in Christ Jesus, who  
walk not after the flesh, but after the  
Spirit. *Rom. viii. 1.*

Oh love, thou bottomless abyss !  
My sins are swallowed up in thee ;  
Covered is my unrighteousness,  
From condemnation now I'm free ;  
While Jesus' blood through earth and skies,  
" Mercy, free, boundless mercy !" cries.

26. DELIVERED FROM THE POWER OF  
SATAN.

Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same ; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil. *Heb. ii. 14.*

Dry up your tears, ye saints, and tell  
How high your great Deliverer reigns ;  
Sing, how he spoiled the host of hell,  
And led the tyrant Death in chains.

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27. DELIVERED FROM ALL INIQUITY.

Let Israel hope in the Lord : for with the Lord there is mercy, and with him is plenteous redemption. And he shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities. *Psalms cxxx. 7, 8.*

Fixed on this ground will I remain,  
Though my heart fail, and flesh decay ;  
This anchor shall my soul sustain,  
When earth's foundations melt away :  
Mercy's full power I then shall prove,  
Loved with an everlasting love.



## 28. DELIVERED FROM ALL ENEMIES.

He delivereth me from mine enemies ;  
yea, thou liftest me above those that  
rise up against me. *Psalm xviii. 48.*

Foes are round us, but we stand  
On the borders of our land :  
Jesus, God's exalted Son,  
Bids us undismayed go on :  
Onward then we gladly press  
Through this earthly wilderness.

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## 29. ENJOYS A PRESENT SALVATION.

Which in time past were not a people,  
but are now the people of God :  
which had not obtained mercy, but now  
have obtained mercy. *1 Pet. ii. 10.*

Filled with holy emulation  
Let us vie with those above ;  
Sweet the theme—a free salvation,  
Fruit of everlasting love.

30.     PRESERVED UNTO ETERNAL  
          SALVATION.

Who are kept by the power of God  
through faith unto salvation ready to  
be revealed in the last time, 1 *Pet.* i. 5.

Saints by the power of God are kept  
Till full salvation come:  
We walk by faith as strangers here  
Till Christ shall call us home.

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31.     A PILGRIM TO A HEAVENLY  
          COUNTRY.

Now they desire a better country,  
that is, an heavenly : wherefore God is  
not ashamed to be called their God :  
for he hath prepared for them a city.  
*Heb.* xi. 16.

'Tis true, we are but strangers  
And sojourners below ;  
And countless snares and dangers  
Surround the path we go ;  
Though painful and distressing,  
Yet there's a rest above,  
And onward we are pressing  
To reach that land of love.

FEBRUARY.

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*EVIDENCES OF THE  
BELIEVER.*

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1. SUPREME LOVE TO GOD.

Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life? And he answering said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind. *Luke x. 25, 27.*

Yes, I would love thee, blessed God !

Paternal goodness marks thy name ;

Thy praises, through thy high abode,

The heavenly hosts with joy proclaim.

## 2. GRATITUDE TO GOD.

And one of them, [the ten lepers,] when he saw that he was healed, turned back, and with a loud voice glorified God. *Luke xvii. 15.*

What thanks I owe thee, and what love,  
A boundless, endless store,  
Shall echo through the realms above,  
When time shall be no more.

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## 3 OBEDIENCE TO GOD.

Ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness. *Rom. vi. 17, 18.*

Love is the fountain whence  
All true obedience flows ;  
The Christian serves the God he loves,  
And loves the God he knows.

## 4. SUBMISSION TO GOD.

We have had fathers of our flesh which corrected us, and we gave them reverence : shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live ? *Heb. xii. 9.*

Oh let my trembling soul be still,  
While darkness veils this mortal eye,  
And wait thy wise, thy holy will  
Wrapped yet in tears and mystery :  
I cannot, Lord, thy purpose see,  
Yet all is well—since ruled by thee.

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## 5. FAITH IN CHRIST.

Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God. 1 *John v. 1.*

Lord, I believe thy heavenly word :  
Fain would I have my soul renewed ;  
I mourn for sin, and trust the Lord  
To have it pardoned and subdued.

Oh may thy grace its power display,  
Let guilt and death no longer reign ;  
Save me in thine appointed way,  
Nor let my humble faith be vain.

## LOVE TO CHRIST.

He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me : and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. *Matt. x. 37.*

Whom have I on earth below ?  
Thee, and only thee, I know :  
Whom have I in heaven but thee ?  
Thou art all in all to me.

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## 7. SELF-DENIAL FOR CHRIST.

If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me. *Luke ix. 23.*

Take up thy cross, let not its weight  
Fill thy weak spirit with alarm,  
My strength shall bear thy spirit up,  
And brace thy heart, and nerve thy arm.

Take up thy cross, and follow me,  
Nor think till death to lay it down ;  
For only he who bears the cross  
May hope to wear the glorious crown.

## 8. CONFESSIO OF CHRIST.

Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God. 1 *John* iv. 15.

I'll tell to all poor sinners round,  
What a dear Saviour I have found ;  
I'll point to his redeeming blood,  
And say, " Behold the way to God !"

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## 9. DEVOTEDNESS TO CHRIST.

For whether we live, we live unto the Lord ; and whether we die, we die unto the Lord : whether we live therefore, or die, we are the Lord's. *Rom.* xiv. 8.

My soul, and all its powers,  
Thine, wholly thine, shall be ;  
All, all my happy hours  
I consecrate to thee :  
Whate'er I have, whate'er I am,  
Shall magnify my Saviour's name.

## 10. IMITATION OF CHRIST.

For I have given you an example,  
that ye should do as I have done to  
you. *John xiii. 15.*

Thy fair example may I trace,  
To teach me what I ought to be :  
Make me, by thy transforming grace,  
My Saviour, daily more like thee.

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## 11. CHRIST IS PRECIOUS.

Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner  
stone, elect, precious : and he that be-  
lieveth on him shall not be confounded.  
Unto you therefore which believe he is  
precious. *1 Pet. ii. 6, 7.*

Jesus, in thy transporting name  
What glories meet our eyes !  
Thou art the angels' sweetest theme,  
The wonder of the skies.

Oh may our willing hearts confess  
Thy sweet. thy gentle sway ;  
Glad captives of thy matchless grace,  
Thy righteous rule obey.



12. POSSESSION OF THE SPIRIT OF  
CHRIST.

Ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his. *Rom. viii. 9.*

Author of our new creation,  
Let us all thine influence prove ;  
Make our souls thy habitation ;  
Shed abroad the Saviour's love.

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13. LED BY THE SPIRIT.

For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. *Rom. viii. 14.*

Lead us to holiness—the road  
That we must take to dwell with God ;  
Lead us to Christ—the living way,  
Nor let us from his pastures stray ;  
Lead us to God—our final rest,  
In his enjoyment to be blest ;  
Lead us to heaven—the seat of bliss,  
Where pleasure in perfection is.

## 14. CONVICTION OF SIN.

There is no soundness in my flesh  
because of thine anger; neither is there  
any rest in my bones because of my sin.  
For mine iniquities are gone over mine  
head : as an heavy burden they are too  
heavy for me. *Psalm xxxviii.* 3, 4.

O Thou that hearest the prayer of faith,  
Wilt thou not save a soul from death,  
That casts itself on thee ?  
I have no refuge of my own,  
But fly to what my Lord hath done  
And suffered once for me.

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## 15. REPENTANCE FOR SIN.

Godly sorrow worketh repentance to  
salvation not to be repented of : but  
the sorrow of the world worketh death.  
*2 Cor.* vii. 10.

My lips with shame my sins confess  
Against thy law, against thy grace :  
Lord, should thy judgments grow severe,  
I am condemned, but thou art clear.

## 16. HATRED OF SIN.

Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin ; for his seed remaineth in him : and he cannot sin, because he is born of God. 1 *John* iii. 9.

Oh! give me, Lord, the tender heart  
That trembles at th' approach of sin,  
A godly fear of sin impart,  
Implant and root it deep within.

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## 17. MORTIFICATION OF SIN.

They that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. *Gal.* v. 24.

Great God, assist me through the fight;  
Make me triumphant in thy might:  
Thou the desponding heart canst raise;  
The victory mine, and thine the praise.

## 18. SELF-RIGHTEOUSNESS RENOUNCED.

Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord : for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ. *Phil.* iii. 8.

On thee alone my hope relies :  
Beneath the cross I fall,  
My Lord, my life, my sacrifice  
My Saviour, and my all.

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## 19. THE WORLD OVERCOME BY FAITH.

Whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world : and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith. 1 *John* v. 4.

'Tis faith that conquers earth and hell  
By a celestial power ;  
This is the grace that shall prevail  
In the decisive hour.

## 20. NON-CONFORMITY TO THE WORLD.

Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 1 *John* ii. 15.

Why should our poor enjoyments here  
 Be thought so pleasant and so dear,  
 And tempt our hearts astray?  
 Our brightest joys are fading fast,  
 The longest life will soon be past;  
 And if we go to heaven at last,  
 We need not wish to stay.

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## 21. SPIRITUAL-MINDEDNESS.

They that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. *Rom.* viii. 5.

Let worldly minds the world pursue,  
 It has no charms for me;  
 Once I admired its trifles too,  
 But grace has set me free.

## 22. HEAVENLY-MINDEDNESS.

Our conversation is in heaven ; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. *Phil.* iii. 20.

Beyond the bounds of time and space  
Look forward to that heavenly place,  
The saints' secure abode ;  
On faith's strong eagle pinions rise,  
And force your passage to the skies,  
Strong in the strength of God.

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## 23. CONSTRAINED BY LOVE.

The love of Christ constraineth us ; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead : and that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again. *2 Cor.* v. 14, 15.

Be all my heart, be all my days,  
Devoted to thy single praise ;  
And let my glad obedience prove  
How much I owe, how much I love.

## 24. LOVE OF THE TRUTH.

We are of God : he that knoweth God heareth us ; he that is not of God heareth not us. Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error.  
1 *John* iv. 6.

Order my footsteps by thy word,  
And make my heart sincere ;  
Let sin have no dominion, Lord,  
But keep my conscience clear.

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## 25. PERSEVERANCE IN THE TRUTH.

They went out from us, but they were not of us ; for if they had been of us, they would no doubt have continued with us : but they went out, that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us. 1 *John* ii. 19.

When any turn from Zion's way,  
(Alas, what numbers do!)  
Methinks I hear my Saviour say,  
Wilt thou forsake me too ?

## 26. LOVE OF THE SCRIPTURES.

I love thy commandments above gold ; yea, above fine gold. Thy testimonies are wonderful : therefore doth my soul keep them. *Ps. cxix. 127, 129.*

Here mines of knowledge, love, and joy,  
Are opened to our sight—  
The purest gold without alloy,  
And gems divinely bright.

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## 27. LOVE OF ENEMIES.

Love ye your enemies, and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again ; and your reward shall be great, and ye shall be the children of the Highest : for he is kind unto the unthankful and to the evil. *Luke vi. 3.*

Lord, shall thy bright example shine  
In vain before my eyes?  
Give me a soul akin to thine,  
To love my enemies.



## 28. LOVE OF THE BRETHREN.

Beloved, let us love one another : for love is of God : and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. 1 *John* iv. 7.

Blest be the tie that binds  
Our hearts in Christian love ;  
The fellowship of kindred minds  
Is like to that above.

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[*Leap Year.*]

## 29. THE WITNESS OF CONSCIENCE.

Hereby we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before him. Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God. 1 *John* iii. 19, 21.

How happy are the new-born race,  
Partakers of adopting grace !  
How pure the bliss they share !  
Hid from the world and all its eyes,  
Within their hearts the blessing lies,  
And conscience feels it there.

## MARCH.

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### *PRIVILEGES OF THE BELIEVER.*

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#### 1. GOD THE BELIEVER'S SUN AND SHIELD.

THE Lord God is a sun and shield :  
the Lord will give grace and glory : no  
good thing will he withhold from them  
that walk uprightly. *Ps. lxxxiv. 11.*

If thou art my shield and my sun,  
The night is no darkness to me ;  
And fast as my moments roll on,  
They bring me but nearer to thee.  
( 36 )

2. GOD THE PORTION OF THE BELIEVER.

God is the strength of my heart, and  
my portion for ever. *Ps.* lxxiii. 26.

His boundless grace shall all my need  
supply,

When streams of creature-comfort cease to  
flow :

And should he some inferior good deny,  
'Tis but a greater blessing to bestow.



3. GOD THE REFUGE OF THE BELIEVER.

God is our refuge and strength, a  
very present help in trouble. Therefore  
will not we fear, though the earth be  
removed, and though the mountains  
be carried into the midst of the sea.  
*Ps.* xli. 1, 2.

God is our refuge in distress,  
A present help when dangers press ;

In him undaunted I'll confide,  
Though earth were from her centre tossed,  
And mountains in the ocean lost.

Torn piece-meal by the roaring tide.

## 4. GOD THE GUIDE OF THE BELIEVER.

This God is our God for ever and ever : he will be our guide even unto death. *Ps.* xlviii. 14.

Haste thee on from grace to glory,  
Armed by faith, and winged by prayer ;  
Heaven's eternal day's before thee,  
God's own hand shall guide thee there.

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## 5. GOD THE GLORY OF THE BELIEVER.

Thou, Lord, art a shield for me ; my glory, and the lifter up of mine head.  
*Ps.* iii. 3.

Lord, let thy grace surround me still,  
And like a bulwark prove !  
To guard my soul from every ill,  
Secured by sovereign love.

6. ALL BLESSINGS THROUGH CHRIST.

All things are yours ; whether Paul, or Apollos, or Cephas, or the world, or life, or death, or things present, or things to come ; all are yours ; and ye are Christ's ; and Christ is God's. 1 *Cor.* iii. 21—23.

Let Christ assure me he is mine,  
I nothing want beside ;  
My soul shall at the fountain live,  
When all the streams are dried.

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7. ALL BLESSINGS IN CHRIST.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ Jesus. *Eph.* i. 3.

Oh the rich depths of love divine !  
Of bliss a boundless store !  
Dear Saviour, let me call thee mine,  
I cannot wish for more.

## 8. PARDON THROUGH CHRIST.

In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sin.  
*Col. i. 14.*

O Lamb of God, thy precious blood  
Shall never lose its power,  
Till all the ransomed church of God  
Be saved, to sin no more.  
E'er since, by faith, I saw the stream  
Thy flowing wounds supply,  
Redeeming love has been my theme,  
And shall be till I die.

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## 9. JUSTIFICATION THROUGH CHRIST.

Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus. *Rom. iii. 24.*

No righteousness but his we own,  
No ransom but his blood alone;  
While on the Father's name we call,  
Our faith pleads Christ as all in all.

# 10. RECONCILIATION THROUGH CHRIST.

For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.  
*Rom. v. 10.*

Let us love, and sing, and wonder ;  
Let us praise the Saviour's name :  
He has hushed the law's loud thunder,  
He has quenched Mount Sinai's flame :  
He has washed us with his blood,  
He has brought us nigh to God.

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# 11. ADOPTION THROUGH CHRIST.

As many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name. *John i. 12.*

Let others boast their ancient line,  
In long succession great ;  
In the proud list. let heroes shine  
And monarchs swell their state :  
Descended from the King of kings,  
Each saint a nobler title sings.

## 12. REST IN CHRIST.

Come unto me, all ye that labour  
and are heavy laden, and I will give  
you rest. *Matt. xi. 28.*

Jesus, with thy word complying.  
Firm our faith and hope shall be;  
On thy faithfulness relying,  
We will seek our rest in thee.

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## 13. SAFETY IN CHRIST.

I give unto them eternal life; and  
they shall never perish, neither shall  
any man pluck them out of my hand.  
*John x. 28.*

“Unnumbered years of bliss  
I to my sheep will give;  
And while my throne unshaken stands  
Shall all my chosen live.”

Enough, my gracious Lord,  
Let faith triumphant cry;  
My heart can on this promise live,  
Can with this promise die.



14. STRENGTH THROUGH CHRIST.

I can do all things through Christ  
which strengtheneth me. *Phil.* iv. 13.

I can do all things, and can bear  
All sufferings, if my Lord be near ;  
Sweet pleasures mingle with the pains,  
While his left hand my head sustains.

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15. SPIRITUAL FREEDOM THROUGH  
CHRIST.

If the Son shall make you free, ye  
shall be free indeed. *John* viii. 36.

Sweet is the freedom Christ bestows,  
With which he makes his people free,  
A liberty no mortal knows  
Till they his great salvation see.

## 16. CONSOLATION THROUGH CHRIST.

Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself,  
and God, even our Father, which hath  
loved us, and hath given us everlasting  
consolation and good hope through  
grace—2 *Thess.* ii. 16.

In every trouble, sharp and strong,  
My soul to Jesus flies;  
My anchor-hold is firm on him,  
When swelling billows rise.

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## 17. PEACE WITH GOD THROUGH CHRIST.

Being justified by faith, we have  
peace with God through our Lord Jesus  
Christ. *Rom.* v. 1.

No fiery vengeance now,  
Nor burning wrath comes down;  
If justice calls for sinners' blood,  
The Saviour shows his own.

18. ACCESS TO GOD THROUGH CHRIST.

In whom we have boldness and access with confidence by the faith of him. *Eph. iii. 12.*

Come boldly to the throne of grace,  
Where Jesus kindly pleads;  
Ours cannot be a desperate case  
While Jesus intercedes.

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19. VICTORY THROUGH CHRIST.

Thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. *1 Cor. xv. 57.*

Thus strong in the Redeemer's strength,  
Sin, death, and hell we trample down,  
Fight the good fight, and win at length,  
Through mercy, an eternal crown.

## 20. INDWELLING OF THE SPIRIT.

Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? 1 *Cor.* iii. 16.

Think what Spirit dwells within thee ;  
Think what Father's smiles are thine ;  
Think that Jesus died to win thee :  
Child of heaven, canst thou repine ?

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## 21. INTERCESSION OF THE SPIRIT.

The Spirit also helpeth our infirmities : for we know not what we should pray for as we ought : but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. *Rom.* viii. 26.

Let pure devotion's fervours rise,  
Let every holy feeling glow ;  
Oh, let the rapture of the skies  
Kindle in our cold hearts below.  
Come, vivifying Spirit, come,  
And make our hearts thy constant home.

## 22. SANCTIFICATION BY THE SPIRIT.

Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus. 1 *Pet.* i. 2.

Can aught beneath a power divine  
The stubborn will subdue?  
'Tis thine, eternal Spirit, thine,  
To form our hearts anew.  
'Tis thine the passions to recall,  
And upwards bid them rise;  
And make the scales of error fall  
From reason's darkened eyes.

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## 23. THE FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT.

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. *Gal* v. 22, 23.

'Tis God himself the ground prepares,  
His Spirit sows the land;  
And every pleasant fruit it bears,  
Is nurtured by his hand.

24. INHERITANCE AMONG THE  
SANCTIFIED.

Brethren, I commend you to God  
and to the word of his grace, which is  
able to build you up, and to give you  
an inheritance among all them which  
are sanctified. *Acts xx. 32.*

From earth we shall quickly remove,  
And mount to our native abode;  
The house of our Father above,  
The palace of angels and God.

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25. INCREASE OF GRACE.

The righteous shall flourish like the  
palm tree : he shall grow like a cedar  
in Lebanon. They shall still bring  
forth fruit in old age ; they shall be  
fat and flourishing. *Psa. xcii. 12, 14.*

Lord, one thing we want,  
More holiness grant ;  
For more of thy mind and thy image we pant:  
While onward we move  
To Canaan above,  
Come, fill us with holiness, fill us with love.

26. PERSEVERING GRACE.

The righteous shall hold on his way,  
and he that hath clean hands shall be  
stronger and stronger. *Job xvii. 9.*

The righteous, blest with light divine,  
Shall prosper on their way ;  
Brighter and brighter still shall shine,  
To glory's perfect day.

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27. CONFIDENCE IN PRAYER.

This is the confidence that we have  
in him, that, if we ask any thing ac-  
cording to his will, he heareth us. 1  
*John v. 14.*

He who for man their Surety stood,  
And poured on earth his precious blood,  
Pursues in heaven his mighty plan,  
The Saviour and the Friend of man.  
With boldness, therefore, at the throne,  
Let us make all our sorrows known ;  
And ask the aid of heavenly power,  
To help us in the evil hour.

## 28. PRESERVATION IN TROUBLE.

In the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion : in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me ; he shall set me upon a rock. *Ps. xxvii. 5.*

When I can trust my all with God  
In trial's fearful hour—  
Bow, all resigned, beneath his rod,  
And bless his sparing power ;  
A joy springs up amid distress,  
A fountain in the wilderness.

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29. ALL THINGS WORK TOGETHER  
FOR GOOD.

We know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose. *Rom. viii. 28.*

God will keep his own anointed ;  
Nought shall harm them, none condemn ;  
All their trials are appointed ;  
All must work for good to them :  
All shall help them  
To their heavenly diadem.



30. PEACE OF MIND.

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace,  
whose mind is stayed on thee : because  
he trusteth in thee. *Isa.* xxvi. 3.

Saviour, on earth I covet not  
That every woe should cease;  
Only if trouble be my lot,  
In thee let me have peace.

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31. PEACE IN DEATH.

Mark the perfect man, and behold  
the upright : for the end of that man  
is peace. *Ps.* xxxvii. 37.

How blest the righteous when he dies,  
When sinks a weary soul to rest!  
How mildly beam the closing eyes!  
How gently heaves th' expiring breast!  
Life's labour done, as sinks the clay,  
Light from its load the spirit flies;  
While heaven and earth combine to say,  
"How blest the righteous when he dies!"

# A P R I L.

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## DUTIES OF THE BELIEVER —PERSONAL.

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### 1. GOOD WORKS TO BE DONE.

THESE things I will that thou affirm constantly, that they which have believed in God might be careful to maintain good works. *Titus* iii. 8.

Whate'er is noble, pure, refined,  
Just, generous, amiable, and kind,  
That may my constant thoughts pursue,  
That may I love and practise too.

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### 2. GOOD WORKS TO BE DONE TO THE GLORY OF GOD.

Whether therefore ye eat, or drink,  
or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory  
of God. *1 Cor.* x. 31.

Through Jesus Christ the Just,  
My faint desires receive ;  
And let me in thy goodness trust,  
And to thy glory live.

### 3. GOOD WORKS TO BE DONE AFTER THE EXAMPLE OF CHRIST.

He that saith he abideth in him  
ought himself also so to walk, even as  
he walked. 1 *John* ii. 6.

To do his heavenly Father's will  
Was his employment and delight;  
Humility and holy zeal  
Shone through his life divinely bright.

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### 4. GOOD WORKS TO BE DONE THROUGH THE GRACE OF CHRIST.

Now the God of peace make you  
perfect in every good work to do his  
will, working in you that which is well  
pleasing in his sight, through Jesus  
Christ; to whom be glory for ever and  
ever. *Heb.* xiii. 20, 21.

Then shall we do, with pure delight,  
Whate'er is pleasing in thy sight,  
As vessels of thy richest grace;  
And having thy whole counsel done,  
To thee and thy co-equal Son  
Ascribe the everlasting praise.

5. GOOD WORKS TO BE DONE IN THE  
NAME OF CHRIST.

Whatsoever ye do in word or deed,  
do all in the name of the Lord Jesus,  
giving thanks to God and the Father  
by him. *Col. iii. 17.*

Whate'er I say or do,  
Thy glory be my aim ;  
My offerings all be offered through  
His ever blessed name.

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6. IMPROVEMENT OF TIME.

Knowing the time, that now it is high  
time to awake out of sleep : for now  
is our salvation nearer than when we  
believed. *Rom. xiii. 11.*

The time is short, but who can tell  
How short his time below may be ?  
To-day on earth his soul may dwell,  
To-morrow in eternity.

## 7. IMPROVEMENT OF PRIVILEGES.

That on the good ground are they,  
which in an honest and good heart  
having heard the word, keep it, and  
bring forth fruit with patience. *Luke*  
*viii. 15.*

Father of mercies, we have need  
Of thy preparing grace ;  
Let the same hand that gives the seed  
Provide a fruitful place.

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## 8. IMPROVEMENT OF OPPORTUNITIES.

Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do,  
do it with thy might ; for there is no  
work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor  
wisdom, in the grave, whither thou  
goest. *Eccles. ix. 10.*

Whate'er our hands shall find to do,  
To-day may we with zeal pursue ;  
Seize fleeting moments as they fly,  
And live as we would wish to die.

## 9. SPIRITUAL DILIGENCE.

This one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. *Phil.* iii. 13, 14.

A scrip on my back, and a staff in my hand,  
I march on in haste through an enemy's  
land :

The road may be rough, but it cannot be long,  
So I'll smooth it with hope, and I'll cheer it  
with song.

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## 10. ENTIRE CONSECRATION.

Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin : but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God. *Rom.* vi. 13.

Yield to the Lord, with simple heart,  
All that thou hast, and all thou art :  
Renounce all strength. but strength divine,  
And peace shall be for ever thine.

## 11. OPEN PROFESSION OF CHRIST.

Whosoever shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. *Matt. x.*  
32.

Should I, to gain the world's applause,  
Or to escape its harmless frown,  
Refuse to countenance thy cause,  
And make thy people's lot my own,  
What shame would fill me in that day,  
When thou thy glory shalt display!

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## 12. EVIL APPEARANCES TO BE AVOIDED.

Abstain from all appearance of evil.  
1 *Thess. v. 22.*

Our Saviour by a heavenly birth  
Calls us to holiness on earth,  
Bids us our former follies hate,  
And from the wicked separate.

We must have holy hearts and hands,  
And feet that go where he commands;  
A holy will to keep his ways,  
And holy lips to speak his praise.

## 13. DILIGENCE IN KEEPING THE HEART.

Keep thy heart with all diligence ;  
for out of it are the issues of life.  
*Prov. iv. 23.*

Thy business be to keep thy heart,  
Each passion to control ;  
Nobly ambitious well to rule  
The empire of thy soul.

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## 14. SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES.

Search the Scriptures ; for in them ye  
think ye have eternal life : and they are  
they which testify of me. *John v. 39.*

Lord, thy teaching grace impart,  
That we may not read in vain ;  
Write thy precepts on our heart.  
Make thy truths and doctrine plain ;  
Let the message of thy love  
Guide us to thy rest above.



## 15. SECRET PRAYER.

Thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.  
*Matt. vi. 6.*

Far from the paths of men, to thee  
I solemnly retire;  
See thou, who dost in secret see,  
And grant my heart's desire.

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## 16. THANKSGIVING.

In every thing give thanks : for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you. 1 *Thess. v. 18.*

Praise to God, immortal praise,  
For the love that crowns our days;  
Bounteous Source of every joy,  
Let thy praise our tongues employ.

## 17. MEDITATION.

His delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. *Psalms* i. 2.

I love in solitude to shed  
The penitential tear;  
And all his promises to plead,  
When none but God is near.

I love to think on mercies past,  
And future good implore;  
And all my cares and sorrow cast,  
On him whom I adore.

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## 18. SELF-EXAMINATION.

Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. *2 Cor.* xiii. 5.

At evening to myself I say,  
My soul, where hast thou gleaned to day?  
Thy labours how bestowed?  
What hast thou rightly said or done?  
What grace attained, or knowledge won,  
In following after God?

## 19. IN PROSPERITY TO BE HUMBLE.

For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think. *Rom. xii. 3.*

Lord, if thou thy grace impart,  
Poor in spirit, meek in heart,  
I shall, as my Saviour, be  
Rooted in humility :  
Pleased with all the Lord provides,  
Weaned from all the world besides.

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## 20. IN ADVERSITY TO TRUST GOD.

Who is among you that feareth the Lord, that obeyeth the voice of his servant, that walketh in darkness, and hath no light? let him trust in the name of the Lord, and stay upon his God. *Isa. l. 10.*

If Providence our comforts shroud,  
And dark distresses lower,  
Hope paints its rainbow on the cloud,  
And grace shines through the shower.

## 21. SELF-GOVERNMENT.

He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty ; and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city. *Prov.* xvi. 32.

Happy the man, whose cautious steps  
Still keep the golden mean ;  
Whose life, by Scripture rules well formed,  
Declares a conscience clean.

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## 22. SELF-DENIAL.

All things are lawful for me, but all things are not expedient : all things are lawful for me, but all things edify not. 1 *Cor.* x. 23.

Lord, ever let me freely yield  
What most I prize to thee,  
Who never hast a good withheld,  
Or wilt withhold from me.  
Thy favour all my journey through,  
Thou art engaged to grant ;  
What else I want, or think I do,  
'Tis better still to want.

## 23. CONTENTMENT.

Be content with such things as ye have : for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. *Heb. xiii.*  
5.

Since he has said "I'll ne'er depart,"  
I'll bind his promise to my heart,  
Rejoicing in his care :  
This shall support while here I live,  
And when in glory I arrive,  
I'll praise him for it there.

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## 24. PATIENCE.

Ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise. *Heb. x. 36.*

I would submit to all thy will,  
For thou art good and wise ;  
Let every anxious thought be still,  
Nor one faint murmur rise.  
Thy love can cheer the darksome gloom,  
And bid me wait serene,  
Till hopes and joys immortal bloom  
And brighten all the scene.

25.

## MEEKNESS.

Walk worthy of the vocation where-  
with ye are called, with all lowliness  
and meekness, with long suffering, for-  
bearing one another in love. *Eph. iv.*  
2.

Meekness, humility, and love,  
Did through thy conduct shine ;  
Oh may my whole deportment prove  
A copy, Lord, of thine.

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26.

## TEMPERANCE.

Take heed to yourselves, lest at any  
time your hearts be overcharged with  
surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares  
of this life, and so that day come upon  
you unawares. *Luke xxi. 34.*

The world employs its various snares,  
Of hopes and pleasures, pains and cares,  
And chained to earth I lie :  
When shall my fettered powers be free,  
And leave these seats of vanity,  
And upward learn to fly ?

## 27. GRAVITY AND SINCERITY.

In all things showing thyself a pattern of good works : in doctrine showing uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity. *Titus* ii. 7.

Pure may I be, averse to sin,  
Just, holy, merciful, and true ;  
And let thine image formed within,  
Shine out in all I speak or do.

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## 28. WATCHFULNESS.

Blessed are those servants, whom the Lord when he cometh shall find watching : verily I say unto you, that he shall gird himself, and make them to sit down to meat, and will come forth and serve them. *Luke* xii. 37.

Arm me with jealous care,  
As in thy sight to live :  
And oh, thy servant, Lord, prepare,  
A strict account to give.  
Help me to watch and pray,  
And on thyself rely ;  
Assured if I my trust betray,  
I shall for ever die.

## 29. DILIGENCE IN WORLDLY CALLING.

Study to be quiet, and to do your own business, and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you.

1 *Thess.* iv. 11.

Midst hourly cares, may love present  
Its incense to thy throne;  
And while the world our hands employs,  
Our hearts be thine alone.

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30. EMINENT HOLINESS THE DESIRE  
OF THE BELIEVER.

Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect : but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Jesus Christ. *Phil.* iii. 12.

Oh for a closer walk with God,  
A calm and heavenly frame,  
A light to shine upon the road  
That leads me to the Lamb?



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*DUTIES OF THE BELIEVER*  
*—IN THE CHURCH.*

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1. TO SHOW FORTH THE PRAISES OF GOD.

YE are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people ; that ye should show forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.  
1 *Pet.* ii. 9.

Not by your words alone,  
But by your actions show  
How much from him you have received,  
How much to him you owe.

## 2. TO DEPART FROM ALL INIQUITY.

Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity. 2 *Tim.* ii. 19.

Faith must obey her Father's will,  
As well as trust his grace;  
A pardoning God is jealous still  
For his own holiness.

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## 3. STEADFASTNESS IN THE FAITH.

Stand fast in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage. *Gal.* v. 1.

From Egypt lately freed  
By the Redeemer's grace,  
A rough and thorny path we tread  
In hopes to see his face.  
The flesh dislikes the way,  
But faith approves it well;  
This only leads to endless day,  
All others lead to hell.

## 4. ZEAL IN DEFENCE OF THE GOSPEL.

—exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints. *Jude 3.*

In the conquests of thy might,  
May I loyally delight :  
In thy ever-spreading reign,  
Triumph as my greatest gain ;  
Make me conscious by this sign,  
Gracious Saviour, I am thine.

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## 5. ZEAL FOR GOOD WORKS.

Let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works.  
*Heb. x. 24.*

Awake, my soul, awake, my love,  
And serve my Saviour here below,  
In works which all the saints above  
And holy angels cannot do.

## 6. ZEAL FOR DIVINE WORSHIP.

Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is ; but exhorting one another : and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching. *Heb. x. 25.*

Oh let me always find a place,  
Within the temples of thy grace ;  
Till God command my last remove,  
To dwell in temples made above !

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7. CONCERN FOR THE PEACE OF THE  
CHURCH.

Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace ; and the God of love and peace shall be with you. *2 Cor. xiii. 11.*

Make us of one heart and mind,  
Courteous, pitiful, and kind ;  
Lowly, meek in thought and word,  
Altogether like our Lord.

8. CONCERN FOR THE PROSPERITY OF  
THE CHURCH.

Peace be within thy walls, and prosperity within thy palaces. *Psa. cxxii.*  
7.

For our dear brethren's sake,  
Zion, we wish thee peace;  
Prosper, oh! prosper long,  
And may thy sons increase:  
We seek thy good, we love the road,  
Which leads us to God's blest abode.

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## 9. MUTUAL LOVE.

Walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling savour. *Eph. v. 2.*

Among the saints on earth  
Let mutual love be found;  
Heirs of the same inheritance,  
With mutual blessings crowned.

## 10            MUTUAL SUBJECTION.

All of you be subject one to another,  
and be clothed with humility : for God  
resisteth the proud, and giveth grace  
to the humble. 1 *Peter* v. 5.

Lord, for ever at thy side  
May my place and portion be ;  
Strip me of the robe of pride ;  
Clothe me with humility.

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## 11.            MUTUAL HONOUR.

Let nothing be done through strife  
or vainglory ; but in lowliness of mind  
let each esteem other better than them-  
selves. *Phil.* ii. 3.

Oh let each esteem his brother  
Better than himself to be ;  
And let each prefer another,  
Full of love, from envy free :  
Happy are we,  
When in this we all agree.

## 12. MUTUAL FORBEARANCE.

Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye. *Col. iii. 13.*

May we each with each agree,  
Through thy uniting grace:  
Our gift shall thine accepted be,  
Our life be love and praise.

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## 13. MUTUAL CANDOUR.

Judge not, that ye be not judged.  
Why beholdest thou the mote that is  
in thy brother's eye, but considerest  
not the beam that is in thine own eye?  
*Matt. vii. 1, 3.*

Make us, by thy transforming grace,  
Great Saviour, daily more like thee;  
Thy fair example may we trace,  
To teach us what we ought to be.

## 14. MUTUAL FORGIVENESS.

Be ye kind one to another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you. *Eph.* iv. 32.

“Is Christ divided?” What can part  
The members from the Head?  
Oh how should those be one in heart  
For whom our Saviour bled!

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## 15. MUTUAL ADMONITION.

I myself am persuaded of you, my brethren, that ye also are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge, able also to admonish one another. *Rom.* xv. 14.

Bonds of everlasting love  
Draw our souls in union  
To our Father's house above,  
To the saints' communion.  
Thither may our hopes ascend,  
There may all our labours end.



16.     MUTUAL CONSOLATION AND  
          EDIFICATION.

Comfort yourselves together, and  
edify one another, even as also ye do.

1 *Thess.* v. 11.

While we journey, let us  
  Help each other on the road;  
Foes on every side beset us,  
  Snarcs through all the way are strewed;  
  It behoves us,  
  Each to bear a brother's load.

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17.     MUTUAL INTERCESSION.

Pray one for another.—The effectual  
fervent prayer of a righteous man  
availeth much. *James* v. 16.

Before our Father's throne  
  We pour our ardent prayers;  
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one—  
  Our comforts and our cares.

## 18.       UNITY OF SENTIMENT.

Whereto we have already attained,  
let us walk by the same rule, let us  
mind the same thing. *Phil.* iii. 16.

Bound to one Lord, by common vow  
In one great enterprise;  
One faith, one hope, one centre now,  
Our common home, the skies.

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## 19.       UNITY OF JUDGMENT.

I beseech you, brethren, by the name  
of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all  
speak the same thing, and that there  
be no divisions among you; but that  
ye be perfectly joined together in the  
same mind and in the same judgment.  
*1 Cor.* i. 10.

Lord subdue our selfish will,  
Each to each our tempers suit,  
By thy modulating skill,  
Heart to heart; as lute to lute.

## 20. UNITED PRAYER.

Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them. *Matt. xviii. 20.*

Where two or three with sweet accord,  
Obedient to their sovereign, Lord,  
Meet to recount his acts of grace,  
And offer solemn prayer and praise;  
There, saith the Saviour, will I be  
Amid the little company.

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## 21. UNITED PRAISE.

Teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. *Col. iii. 16.*

Teach us, though in a world of sin,  
Heaven's blest employment to begin,  
To sing our great Redeemer's praise;  
And love his name, and learn his ways.

## 22. PIOUS CONVERSATION.

Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.

*Eph.* iv. 29.

Wheresoever two or three  
Meet, a Christian company,  
Grant us, Lord, to meet with thee :  
    Gracious Saviour, hear !  
When with friends beloved we stray,  
Talking down the closing day,  
Saviour, meet us in the way :  
    Gracious Saviour, hear !

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## 23. COMPASSION FOR THE WEAK.

We that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves. *Rom.* xv. 1.

When weaker Christians we despise,  
We do the great Redeemer wrong ;  
For God, the gracious and the wise,  
Receives the feeble with the strong.

## 24. COMPASSION FOR THE AFFLICTED.

Remember them that are in bonds,  
as bound with them ; and them which  
suffer adversity, as being yourselves  
also in the body. *Heb. xiii. 3.*

With pity let my breast o'erflow,  
When I behold another's woe ;  
And bear a sympathizing part,  
Whene'er I meet a wounded heart.

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## 25. COMPASSION FOR THE POOR.

As we have therefore opportunity,  
let us do good unto all men, especially  
unto them who are of the household  
of faith. *Gal. vi. 10.*

Awake, my charity, and feed  
The hungry soul, and clothe the poor ;  
In heaven are found no sons of need,  
There all these duties are no more.

26. COMPASSION TO THOSE WHO HAVE  
ERRED.

Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness ; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted. *Gal. vi. 1.*

Lord, we would strive, and hope, and wait,  
The offending still to reinstate ;  
And when a broken heart we view,  
Our Christian friendship quick renew.

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27. FREEDOM FROM SLANDER.

Speak not evil one of another, brethren. He that speaketh evil of his brother, and judgeth his brother, speaketh evil of the law, and judgeth the law : but if thou judge the law, thou art not a doer of the law, but a judge. *James iv. 11.*

Love is a pure and heavenly flame,  
And much regards a brother's name ;  
It hopeth all things, and believes,  
Nor easily a charge receives.

## 28. ESTEEM FOR THE MINISTRY.

We beseech you to know them which labour among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you; and to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. 1 *Thess.* v. 12, 13.

How beauteous are their feet,  
Who stand on Zion's hill;  
Who bring salvation on their tongues,  
And words of peace reveal!

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## 29. PRAYER FOR THE MINISTRY.

Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit;—and for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel. *Eph.* vi. 18, 19.

With heavenly power, O Lord, defend  
Those whom we now to thee commend,  
Thy faithful messengers secure,  
And make them to the end endure.

30. UNBELIEF SHOULD BE GUARDED  
AGAINST.

Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God. *Heb.* iii. 12.

How oft, deceived by self and pride,  
Has my weak heart been turned aside,  
And, Jonah-like, has fled from thee,  
Till thou hast looked again on me!

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31. CAUTION AGAINST APOSTASY.

Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled. *Heb.* xii. 15.

What bright exchange, what treasure shall  
be given,  
For the lost birthright of a hope in heaven?  
If lost the gem which empires could not buy,  
What yet remains?—a dark eternity.



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*DUTIES OF THE BELIEVER*  
*—IN THE WORLD.*

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1. BELIEVERS ARE THE SALT OF THE  
EARTH.

YE are the salt of the earth : but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted ? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men.  
*Matt. v. 13.*

Strive thou with studious care to find  
Some good thy hands may do ;  
Some way to serve and bless mankind,  
Console the heart, relieve the mind,  
And open comforts new.

## 2. BELIEVERS ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD.

Ye are the light of the world. *Matt.*  
v. 14.

Walk in the light—and thine shall be  
A path, though stormy, bright ;  
For God in love shall dwell with thee—  
And God himself is light.

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## 3. THE UNIVERSAL RULE OF EQUITY.

All things whatsoever ye would that  
men should do to you, do ye even so to  
them : for this is the law and the pro-  
phets. *Matt.* vii. 12.

Blessed Redeemer, how divine,  
How righteous is this rule of thine,  
To do to all men just the same  
As we expect or wish from them !

How blest would every nation prove  
Thus ruled by equity and love !  
All would be friends without a foe,  
And form a paradise below.

## 4. TO GLORIFY GOD BY HOLY CONDUCT.

I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul ; having your conversation honest among the Gentiles.

1 *Pet.* ii. 11.

Help thy servant to maintain  
A profession free from stain ;  
That my sole reproach may be,  
Following Christ, and fearing thee.

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5. ABOUNDING IN THE WORK OF THE  
LORD.

My beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord. 1 *Cor.* xv. 58.

Sow in the morn thy seed,  
At eve hold not thy hand,  
To doubt and fear give thou no heed,  
Broad-cast it round thy land.

## 6. DECISION OF CHARACTER.

No man can serve two masters : for either he will hate the one, and love the other ; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon. *Matt. vi. 24.*

Not a broken, brief obedience  
Does the Lord of heaven demand ;  
He requires our whole allegiance.  
Words and deeds, and heart and hand :  
God will hold divided sway  
With no deity of clay.

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## 7. HOLY EXAMPLE.

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven. *Matt. v. 16.*

So let our lips and lives express  
The holy gospel we profess ;  
So let our works and virtues shine  
To prove the doctrine all divine.

## 8 LIVE IN PEACE WITH ALL MEN.

If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men. *Rom. xii. 18.*

His purpose is that we should bear  
His image now on earth,  
And by our peaceful lives declare  
Our new and heavenly birth.

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## 9. LOVE TO OUR NEIGHBOUR.

If ye fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself, ye do well. *James ii. 8.*

Love lays its own advantage by  
To seek its neighbour's good;  
So God's own Son came down to die,  
And bought our lives with blood.

Love is the grace that keeps its power  
In all the realms above;  
There faith and hope are known no more,  
But saints for ever love.

10. SEEK THE EDIFICATION OF OUR  
NEIGHBOUR.

Let every one of us please his neighbour for his good to edification. *Rom.* xv. 2.

May I from every act abstain,  
That hurts or gives another pain :  
Still may I feel my heart inclined  
To be the friend of all mankind.

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11. LOVE TO ALL MEN.

The Lord make you to increase and abound in love one toward another, and toward all men, even as we do toward you. 1 *Thess.* iii. 12.

May love, that shining grace,  
O'er all my powers preside ;  
Direct my thoughts, suggest my words,  
And every action guide.

## 12. TO SEEK THE SALVATION OF OTHERS.

He which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins. *James* v. 20.

My God, I feel the mournful scene ;  
My bowels yearn o'er dying men ;  
And fain my pity would reclaim,  
And snatch the firebrands from the flame.

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## 13. GIVE DUE HONOUR TO ALL.

Render to all their dues : tribute to whom tribute is due ; custom to whom custom ; fear to whom fear ; honour to whom honour. *Rom.* xiii. 7.

Long as the moon her course shall run,  
Or man behold the circling sun,  
Do thou amidst our nation reign ;  
Still crown her counsels with success,  
With peace and joy her borders bless,  
And all her sacred rights maintain.

## 14. CONSISTENCY.

That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world. *Phil. ii. 15.*

That wisdom, Lord, on us bestow  
From every evil to depart,  
To stop the mouth of every foe,  
While upright both in life and heart,  
The proof of godly fear we give,  
And show them how the Christians live.

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## 15. CIRCUMSPECTION.

See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise; redeeming the time, because the days are evil. *Eph. v. 15, 16.*

Let every flying hour confess  
I gain the gospel fresh renown;  
And when my life and labours cease,  
May I possess the promised crown.



## 16. DISCRETION.

A good man sheweth favour, and  
lendeth : he will guide his affairs with  
discretion. *Psalms* cxii. 5.

Believers love what God commands,  
And in his ways delight ;  
Their gracious words, and holy hands  
Show that their faith is right.  
Their converse is with God above,  
Their labours bless mankind ;  
Their works of mercy, peace, and love,  
Through Christ acceptance find.

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## 17. MODERATION.

Let your moderation be known unto  
all men. The Lord is at hand. *Phil.*  
iv. 5.

We'll look on all the toys below  
With such disdain as angels do ;  
And wait the call that bids us rise  
To mansions promised in the skies.

18.

## FORBEARANCE.

Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath : for it is written, Vengeance is mine ; I will repay, saith the Lord.  
*Rom. xii. 19.*

May I feel beneath my wrongs  
Vengeance to the Lord belongs :  
Nor a worse requital dare,  
Than the meek revenge of prayer :  
Much forgiven, may I learn,  
Love for hatred to return.

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19.

## INDUSTRY.

Let a man labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth.  
*Eph. iv. 28.*

To thee my very life I owe ;  
From thee do all my comforts flow ;  
And every blessing which I need  
Must from thy bounteous hand proceed.

## 20. INTEGRITY.

That ye may walk honestly toward them that are without, and that ye may have lack of nothing. 1 *Thess.* iv. 12.

Come, let us search our ways and try,

Have they been just and right ?

Is the great rule of equity

Our practice and delight ?

In all we sell, in all we buy,

Is justice our design ?

Do we remember God is nigh,

And fear the wrath Divine ?



## 21. FIDELITY.

He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much : and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much. *Luke* xvi. 10.

Thy gifts are only then enjoyed

When used as talents lent ;

Those talents only well employed

When in His service spent.

## 22. TRUTH AND SINCERITY.

Wherefore, putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour : for we are members one of another. *Eph. iv. 25.*

Let those who bear the Christian name  
Their holy vows fulfil;  
The saints, the followers of the Lamb,  
Are men of honour still.

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## 23. GENTLENESS AND MEEKNESS.

To speak evil of no man, to be no brawlers, but gentle, showing all meekness to all men. *Tit. iii. 2.*

Blest are the men of peaceful life,  
Who quench the coals of growing strife,  
They shall be called the heirs of bliss,  
The sons of God, the sons of peace.

## 24. BENEVOLENCE.

Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father, is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world. *James i. 27.*

The poor are always with us here:  
'Tis our great Father's plan,  
That mutual wants and mutual care  
Should bind us man to man.

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## 25. OVERCOME EVIL WITH GOOD.

If thine enemy hunger, feed him : if he thirst, give him drink : for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head. Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good. *Rom. xii. 20, 21.*

Thus artists melt the sullen ore of lead,  
With heaping coals of fire upon its head ;  
In the kind warmth the metal learns to glow,  
And loose from dross the silver runs below.

## 26. PERSEVERANCE IN DOING GOOD.

Let us not be weary in well doing :  
for in due season we shall reap if we  
faint not. *Gal. vi. 9.*

Meek pilgrim Zionward, if thou  
Hast put thy hand unto the plough,  
Oh look not back, nor droop dismayed,  
At thought of victory delayed :  
Doubt not that thou, in season due,  
Shalt own his gracious promise true ;  
And thou shalt share their glorious lot,  
Whom doing well hath wearied not.

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## 27. SUBMISSION TO AUTHORITY.

Put them in mind to be subject to  
principalities and powers, to obey ma-  
gistrates, to be ready to every good  
work. *Titus iii. 1.*

Lord, thou hast bid thy people pray  
For all that bear the sovereign sway,  
Who as thy servants reign ;  
Rulers, and governors, and powers—  
Behold, in faith we pray for ours ;  
Nor let us plead in vain.

28. UNIVERSAL HOLINESS THE  
BELIEVER'S AIM.

Whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report ; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.  
*Phil.* iv. 8.

Father of eternal grace,  
Glorify thyself in me ;  
Meekly beaming in my face,  
May the world thine image see

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29. BELIEVER'S HUMBLE CONFESSION.

So likewise ye, when ye shall have done all those things which are commanded you, say, We are unprofitable servants : we have done that which was our duty to do. *Luke* xvii. 10.

My present triumphs, and my past,  
Are thine, and must be to the last ;  
And if the crown of life I wear,  
Thy hand alone must place it there.

## 30. THE GREAT MOTIVE TO ALL DUTY.

Ye are not your own; for ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit which are God's. 1 *Cor.* vi. 19, 20.

Oh! grant us, Lord, to feel and own  
The power of love divine;  
The blood which doth for sin atone,  
The grace which makes us thine.



## JULY.

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### JOYS OF THE BELIEVER.

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#### 1. JOY IN GOD.

LET all those that put their trust in thee rejoice : let them ever shout for joy, because thou defendest them : let them also that love thy name be joyful in thee. *Psalm v. 11.*

When with his smiles my soul he deigns to  
bless,

Nor cares nor crosses can my peace destroy,  
Possessing all things if I him possess,  
Enjoying all things if I him enjoy.

## 2. JOY IN CHRIST.

We are the circumcision, which worship God in the spirit, and rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh. *Phil.* iii. 3.

The opening heavens around me shine  
With beams of sacred bliss,  
While Jesus shows his heart is mine,  
And whispers, I am his.

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## 3. JOY IN THE HOLY GHOST.

The kingdom of God is not meat and drink ; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost. *Rom.* xiv. 17.

Holy Ghost, dispel our sadness,  
Pierce the cloud of sinful night ;  
Come. thou source of joy and gladness,  
Breathe thy life, and shed thy light.

## 4. THE GOSPEL A SOURCE OF JOY.

Blessed is the people that know the joyful sound : they shall walk, O Lord, in the light of thy countenance. *Psalm lxxxix. 15.*

Blest are the souls that hear and know  
The gospel's joyful sound ;  
Peace shall attend the path they go,  
And light their steps surround.

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## 5. THE ATONEMENT A SOURCE OF JOY.

We joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement. *Rom. v. 11.*

There is a fountain filled with blood,  
Drawn from Immanuel's veins,  
And sinners plunged beneath that flood  
Lose all their guilty stains.

The dying thief rejoiced to see  
That fountain in his day ;  
And here may I, though vile as he,  
Wash all my sins away.

## 6. THE SCRIPTURES A SOURCE OF JOY.

Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart; for I am called by thy name, O Lord God of hosts.' *Jer.* xv. 16.

Oh may these heavenly pages be  
My ever dear delight;  
And still new beauties may I see,  
And still increasing light.

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## 7. THE SABBATH A SOURCE OF JOY.

This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it. *Psalms* cxviii. 24.

Oft as this peaceful day shall come,  
Lord, raise my thoughts from earthly things,  
And bear them to my heavenly home,  
On faith and hope's celestial wings:  
Till the last gleam of life decay,  
In one eternal Sabbath day.

## 8. FAITH A SOURCE OF JOY.

Whom having not seen, ye love ; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory. 1 *Pet.* i. 8.

A bleeding Saviour, seen by faith,  
A sense of pardoning love,  
A hope that triumphs over death,  
Give joys like those above.

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## 9. PARDON A SOURCE OF JOY.

Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man unto whom the Lord imputeth not iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no guile. *Psalms* xxxii. 1, 2.

The Saviour smiles ! o'er my blest soul  
New tides of hope tumultuous roll ;  
Earth has a joy unknown in heaven,  
The new-born peace of sin forgiven ;  
Tears of such pure and deep delight,  
Ye angels ! never dimmed your sight.

## 10. HOPE OF GLORY A SOURCE OF JOY.

By whom [Jesus Christ] we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. *Rom. v. 2.*

By faith to Pisgah's top I fly,  
And there delighted stand,  
To view beneath a cloudless sky,  
The spacious promised land.  
The Lord of all the vast domain  
Has promised it to me ;  
The length and breadth of all the plain,  
As far as faith can see.

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## 11. GODLY FEAR A SOURCE OF JOY.

Blessed is every one that feareth the Lord ; that walketh in his ways. For thou shalt eat the labour of thine hands : happy shalt thou be, and it shall be well with thee. *Psalms cxxviii.*  
1, 2.

Happy, beyond description, he  
Who fears the Lord his God ;  
Who hears his threats with holy awe,  
And trembles at his rod.

## 12. OBEDIENCE A SOURCE OF JOY.

I will delight myself in thy commandments which I have loved. *Psalm cxix. 47.*

Then shall my heart have inward joy,  
And keep my face from shame,  
When all thy statutes I obey,  
And honour all thy name.

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13. COMMUNION WITH GOD A SOURCE  
OF JOY.

There be many that say, Who will show us any good? Lord, lift thou up the light of thy countenance upon us. Thou hast put gladness in my heart, more than in the time that their corn and their wine increased. *Psalm iv. 6, 7.*

Lord, what is life? if spent with thee,  
In humble praise and prayer,  
How long or short my life may be  
I feel no anxious care:  
Though life depart. my joys shall last,  
When life and all its joys are past.

14. COMMUNION OF SAINTS A SOURCE  
OF JOY.

My goodness extendeth not to thee ;  
but to the saints that are in the earth,  
and to the excellent, in whom is all my  
delight. *Psalms* xvi. 2, 3.

If 'tis sweet to mingle where  
Christians meet for fervent prayer ;  
If 'tis sweet with them to raise  
Songs of holy joy and praise ;  
Passing sweet that state must be,  
Where they meet eternally.

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15. PRAYER A SOURCE OF JOY.

Even them will I bring to my holy  
mountain, and make them joyful in my  
house of prayer. *Isaiah* lvi. 7.

Prayer makes the darkened cloud withdraw,  
Prayer climbs the ladder Jacob saw ;  
Gives exercise to faith and love,  
Brings every blessing from above.



## 16. SALVATION A SOURCE OF JOY.

We will rejoice in thy salvation, and  
in the name of our God we will set up  
our banners. *Psalm* xx. 5.

Salvation ! oh the joyful sound !  
'Tis pleasure to our ears ;  
A sovereign balm for every wound,  
A cordial for our fears.

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## 17. EARLY PIETY A SOURCE OF JOY.

Oh satisfy us early with thy mercy ;  
that we may rejoice and be glad all our  
days. *Psalm* xc. 14.

Grace is a plant, where'er it grows,  
Of pure and heavenly root ;  
But fairest in the young it shows,  
And yields the sweetest fruit.

18. A GOOD CONSCIENCE A SOURCE  
OF JOY.

Our rejoicing is this, the testimony of our conscience, that in simplicity and godly sincerity, not with fleshly wisdom, but by the grace of God, we have had our conversation in the world.

2 *Cor.* i. 12.

Oh happy soul, that lives on high,  
While men lie grovelling here ;  
Whose hopes are fixed above the sky,  
And faith forbids his fear.

His conscience cleansed from all his sins,  
Love, peace, and joy combine  
To form a life whose holy springs  
Are hidden and divine

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19. BENEVOLENCE A SOURCE OF JOY.

Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive. *Acts* xx. 45.

Blest is the man whose heart expands  
At melting pity's call,  
And the rich blessings of whose hands  
Like heavenly manna fall.

## 20. TRIBULATION A SOURCE OF JOY.

We glory in tribulation : knowing that tribulation worketh patience ; and patience, experience ; and experience, hope. *Rom. v. 3, 4.*

Then let us wait th' appointed day,  
Nor call this world our home ;  
To pilgrims in a foreign land,  
Afflictions needs must come.

Who rules the world, o'errules their end,  
They destined are for good ;  
And bear the saints to realms of rest,  
Though mighty as a flood.

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21. TEMPORAL BLESSINGS SOURCES  
OF JOY.

Ye shall eat in plenty, and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, that hath dealt wondrously with you : and my people shall never be ashamed. *Joel ii. 26.*

Thy bounty gilds the path of life  
With every cheering ray,  
And oft restrains the rising tear,  
Or wipes that tear away.

22. THE DIVINE BLESSING A SOURCE  
OF JOY.

The blessing of the Lord, it maketh  
rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it.  
*Prov. x. 22.*

Better than life itself thy love,  
Dearer than all beside to me ;  
For whom have I in heaven above,  
Or what on earth, compared to thee ?

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23. THE DIVINE PROTECTION A SOURCE  
OF JOY.

Because thou hast been my help,  
therefore in the shadow of thy wings  
will I rejoice. *Psalms lxiii. 7.*

Since thou hast been my help,  
To thee my spirit flies ;  
And on thy watchful providence  
My cheerful hope relies.

24. DIVINE ACCEPTANCE A SOURCE  
OF JOY.

Go thy way, eat thy bread with joy,  
and drink thy wine with a merry heart;  
for God now accepteth thy work,  
*Eccles. ix. 7.*

Whilst I see thy love to me,  
Every object teems with joy;  
Here, oh may I walk with thee,  
Then into thy presence die!  
Let me but thyself possess,  
Total sum of happiness;  
Real bliss I then shall prove—  
Heaven below, and heaven above.

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25. JOY FOLLOWING SORROW.

Weeping may endure for a night;  
but joy cometh in the morning. *Psalms*  
*xxx. 5.*

When comforts are declining,  
He grants the soul again  
A season of clear shining,  
To cheer it after rain.

## 26. JOY THE DUTY OF THE BELIEVER.

Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, ye righteous : and shout for joy, all ye that are upright in heart. *Psalm xxxii. 11.*

Let those refuse to sing  
Who never knew the Lord ;  
But children of the heavenly King  
Should speak their joys abroad.

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27. JOY TO BE SOUGHT THROUGH  
CHRIST.

Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name : ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full. *John xvi. 24.*

Dark and cheerless is the morn,  
Unaccompanied by thee ;  
Joyless is the day's return,  
Till thy mercy's beams we see :  
Day-spring from on high, be near ;  
Day-star, in our hearts appear.

## 28. BELIEVER'S JOY IS SATISFYING.

Blessed is the man whom thou choos-  
est, and causest to approach unto thee,  
that he may dwell in thy courts : we  
shall be satisfied with the goodness of  
thy house, even of thy holy temple.  
*Psalm lxxv. 4.*

These are the joys which satisfy,  
And sanctify the mind ;  
Which make the spirit mount on high,  
And leave the world behind.

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## 29. BELIEVER'S JOY IS ABIDING.

These things have I spoken unto  
you, that my joy might remain in you,  
and that your joy might be full. *John*  
*xv. 11.*

Art thou not mine, my living Lord ?  
And can my hope, my comfort die,  
Fixed on thine everlasting word—  
The word that built the earth and sky ?

## 30. BELIEVER HAS JOY IN DEATH.

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant  
depart in peace, according to thy  
word : for mine eyes have seen thy  
salvation. *Luke ii. 29, 30.*

When we have numbered all our years,  
And stand, at length, on Jordan's brink ;  
Though the flesh fail with mortal fears,  
Oh ! let not then the spirit sink :  
But strong in faith, and hope, and love,  
Plunge through the stream to rise above.

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31. HEAVEN THE CONSUMMATION  
OF JOY.

Well done, thou good and faithful  
servant : thou hast been faithful over  
a few things, I will make thee ruler  
over many things : enter thou into the  
joy of thy Lord. *Matt. xxv. 21.*

Soldier of Christ, well done !  
Praise be thy new employ ;  
And while eternal ages run,  
Rest in thy Saviour's joy.



## AUGUST.

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### SORROWS OF THE BELIEVER.

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#### I. BELIEVER FOREWARNED OF SORROW.

These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation : but be of good cheer : I have overcome the world. *John* xvi. 33.

The path of sorrow, and that path alone.  
Leads to the land where sorrow is unknown.  
No traveller e'er reached that blest abode.  
Who found not thorns and briers in his road.

## 2. SOURCES OF SORROW—LOSS OF DIVINE FAVOUR.

Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation ; and uphold me with thy free Spirit. *Psalms* li. 12.

Ah! why, by passing clouds oppressed,  
Should vexing thoughts distract thy breast?  
Turn, turn to Him, in every pain,  
Whom never suppliant sought in vain.

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## 3. SOURCES OF SORROW—INDWELLING SIN.

I see another law in my members,  
warring against the law of my mind,  
and bringing me into captivity to the  
law of sin which is in my members.  
*Rom.* vii. 23.

Nature may raise her fleshly strife,  
Reluctant to the heavenly life:  
But grace omnipotent at length  
Shall arm the saint with saving strength,  
Through the sharp war with aids attend,  
And his last conflict sweetly end.

4. SOURCES OF SORROW—A DECEITFUL  
HEART.

The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked : who can know it? *Jer.* xvii. 9.

With flowing tears, Lord, I confess,  
My folly and unsteadfastness ;  
When shall this heart more stable be,  
Fixed by thy grace alone on thee?

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5. SOURCES OF SORROW—INGRATITUDE  
OF THE UNGODLY.

They that render evil for good are mine adversaries ; because I follow the thing that good is. Forsake me not, O Lord : O my God, be not far from me. *Psalms* xxxviii. 20, 21.

If wounded love my bosom swell,  
Deceived by those I prized too well;  
He shall his pitying aid bestow,  
Who felt on earth severer woe :  
At once betrayed, denied, or fled,  
By those who shared his daily bread.

6. SOURCES OF SORROW—REPROACH  
OF THE WORLD.

Let us go forth therefore unto him  
without the camp, bearing his reproach,  
*Heb.* xiii. 13.

If on my face, for thy dear name,  
Shame and reproach shall be,  
I'll hail reproach, and welcome shame,  
If thou remember me.

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7. SOURCES OF SORROW—PERSECUTION.

Though I walk in the midst of trouble,  
thou wilt revive me : thou shalt  
stretch forth thine hand against the  
wrath of mine enemies, and thy right  
hand shall save me. *Ps.* cxxxviii. 7.

Man may trouble and distress me,  
'Twill but drive me to thy breast ;  
Life with trials hard may press me,  
Heaven will bring me sweeter rest.

8. SOURCES OF SORROW—EARTHLY  
LOSSES AND BEREAVEMENTS.

Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither: the Lord gave and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord. *Job i. 21.*

Oh! blessed be the hand that gave;  
Still blessed when it takes:  
Blessed be he who smites to save,  
Who heals the heart he breaks:  
Perfect and true are all his ways  
Whom heaven adores, and earth obeys.

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9. SOURCES OF SORROW—THE SINS  
OF OTHERS.

Rivers of water run down mine eyes, because they keep not thy law. *Psalms cxix. 136.*

I sorrow for the mental night  
In which mankind around me lie;  
Almighty Father, by thy might,  
Arouse them from their lethargy.

10. SOURCES OF SORROW—THE NUMBER  
OF THE WICKED.

Broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat : because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.

*Matt.* vii. 13, 14.

Strait is the way, the door is strait,  
Which lead to joys on high :  
'Tis but a few that find the gate,  
While crowds mistake, and die.

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11. SORROW CHOSEN RATHER THAN  
SIN.

Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter ; choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season. *Heb.* xi. 24, 25.

It is not for me to be seeking my bliss,  
And building my hopes in a region like this.  
I look for a city which hands have not piled ;  
I pant for a country by sin undefiled.

12. BELIEVER'S CONFIDENCE IN  
TROUBLE.

Although the fig tree shall not blossom, neither shall fruit be in the vines; the labour of the olive shall fail, and the fields shall yield no meat; the flock shall be cut off from the fold, and there shall be no herd in the stalls: yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in the God of my salvation. *Heb. iii. 17, 18.*

Although my wealth and comfort's lost,  
My blooming hopes cut off I see,  
Yet will I in my Saviour trust,  
Whose matchless grace can reach to me.

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13. BELIEVER'S COMFORT IN TROUBLE.

This is my comfort in my affliction :  
for thy word hath quickened me. *Psalm*  
*cxix. 50.*

Thus trusting in thy word, I tread  
The narrow path of duty on ;  
What though some cherished joys are fled ?  
What though some flattering dreams are  
Yet purer, brighter joys remain : [gone ?  
Why should my spirit then complain ?

14. CHRIST AN EXAMPLE TO THE  
AFFLICTED.

Even hereunto were ye called : because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps. 1 *Pet.* ii. 21.

Our glorious Leader claims our praise  
For his own pattern given,  
While the long cloud of witnesses  
Show the same path to heaven.

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15. THE PATRIARCHS EXAMPLES TO  
THE AFFLICTED.

Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us. *Heb.* xii. 1.

Once they were mourning here below,  
And wet their couch with tears ;  
They wrestled hard, as we do now,  
With sins, and doubts, and fears.



16. THE PROPHETS EXAMPLES TO THE  
AFFLICTED.

Take, my brethren, the prophets,  
who have spoken in the name of the  
Lord, for an example of suffering af-  
fliction, and of patience. *James* v. 10.

And shall not we aspire,  
Like them our course to run ?  
The crown if we would wear,  
The cross must first be borne.  
Divinely taught, they showed the way,  
First to believe, and then obey.

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17. BENEFITS OF AFFLICTION—SELF-  
ABASEMENT.

Surely after that I was instructed, I  
smote upon my thigh. I was ashamed,  
yea, even confounded, because I did  
bear the reproach of my youth. *Jer.*  
xxxi. 19.

Dumb at thy feet I lie,  
For thou hast brought me low ;  
Remove thy judgments, lest I die ;  
I faint beneath thy blow.

18. BENEFITS OF AFFLICTION—  
CONTRITION FOR SIN.

I will go and return to my place,  
till they acknowledge their offence, and  
seek my face : in their affliction they  
will seek me early. *Hos. v. 15.*

What though afflictions pierced my heart !  
I bless the hand that caused the smart ;  
It taught my tears awhile to flow,  
But saved me from eternal woe.

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19. BENEFITS OF AFFLICTION—  
PATIENCE.

The trying of your faith worketh  
patience. But let patience have her  
perfect work, that ye may be perfect  
and entire, wanting nothing. *James*  
*i. 3, 4.*

Through waves, and clouds, and storms,  
He gently clears thy way :  
Wait thou his time—the darkest night  
Shall end in brightest day.

20. BENEFITS OF AFFLICTION—  
HUMILITY.

If I be wicked, woe unto me; and  
if I be righteous, yet will I not lift up  
mine head. I am full of confusion;  
therefore see thou mine affliction. *Job*  
x. 15.

To the heart truly humbled by woe,  
The anointing of joy shall be given;  
To the tears that from penitence flow,  
Shall be given a foretaste of heaven.

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21. BENEFITS OF AFFLICTION—  
SUBMISSION.

I was dumb, I opened not my mouth;  
because thou didst it. *Psalms* xxxix. 9.

Take all, great God, I will not grieve,  
But still will wish that I had still to give:

I hear thy voice, thou bidd'st me quit  
My paradise; I bless, and do submit;

I will not murmur at thy word,  
Nor beg thy angel to sheathe up his sword.

## 22. BENEFITS OF AFFLICTION—HOPE.

Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted in me? hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him for the help of his countenance. *Psalm* xlii. 5.

The gloomiest day hath gleams of light,  
The darkest wave hath bright foam near  
it;  
And twinkles through the cloudiest night  
Some solitary star to cheer it.

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23. BENEFITS OF AFFLICTION—  
HOLINESS.

Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless, afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby. *Heb.* xii. 11.

Our hearts are fastened to this world  
By strong and endless ties;  
But every sorrow cuts a string,  
And urges us to rise.

24. BENEFITS OF AFFLICTION—TRIES  
OUR SINCERITY.

He knoweth the way that I take :  
when he hath tried me, I shall come  
forth as gold. *Job xxiii. 10.*

Though sorrows rise, and dangers roll  
In waves of darkness o'er my soul ;  
Though friends are false, and love decays,  
And few and evil are my days—  
Yet even in nature's utmost ill,  
I love thee, Lord ! I love thee still.

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25. BENEFITS OF AFFLICTION—BRINGS  
SIN TO REMEMBRANCE.

If they be bound in fetters, and be  
holden in cords of affliction ; then he  
showeth them their work, and their  
transgressions that they have exceeded.  
*Job xxxvi. 8, 9.*

My former hopes are fled,  
My terror now begins ;  
I feel, alas ! that I am dead  
In trespasses and sins.

26. BENEFITS OF AFFLICTION—LEADS  
TO PRAYER.

Oh remember not against us former iniquities : let thy tender mercies speedily prevent us : for we are brought very low. *Psalm lxxix. 8.*

Ah ! whither could we flee for aid  
When tempted, desolate, dismayed ;  
Or how the hosts of hell defeat,  
Had suffering saints no mercy-seat ?

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27. BENEFITS OF AFFLICTION—BRINGS  
US BACK TO GOD.

I will hedge up thy way with thorns, and make a wall, that she shall not find her paths.—Then shall she say, I will go and return to my first husband ; for then was it better with me than now. *Hos. ii. 6, 7.*

Long unafflicted, undismayed,  
In pleasure's path secure I strayed :  
Thou madest me feel thy chastening rod,  
And strait I turned unto my God.

28. BENEFITS OF AFFLICTION—  
EXERCISES OUR FAITH.

Ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations : that the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ. 1 *Pet.* i. 6, 7.

Dark are the ways of providence,  
While those who love thee groan ;  
Thy reasons lie concealed from sense,  
Mysterious and unknown.

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29. BENEFITS OF AFFLICTION—  
TEACHES OUR FRAILTIES.

Mine age is departed, and is removed from me as a shepherd's tent : I have cut off like a weaver my life : he will cut me off with pining sickness. *Isa.* xxxviii. 12.

Lord, let me know mine end,  
My days, how brief their date,  
That I may timely comprehend  
How frail my best estate.

### 30. BENEFITS OF AFFLICTION—REMINDS US OF FORMER MERCIES.

We had the sentence of death in ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves, but in God which raiseth the dead : who delivered us from so great a death, and doth deliver : in whom we trust that he will yet deliver us. *2 Cor. i. 9, 10.*

His love in times past forbids me to think  
He'll leave me at last in trouble to sink :  
Each sweet Ebenezer I have in review  
Confirms his good pleasure to help me quite  
through.

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### 31. AFFLICTION SUCCEEDED BY GLORY.

Our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory. *2 Cor. iv. 17.*

All trials and sorrows the Christian prepare  
For the rest that remaineth above ;  
On earth tribulation awaits him, but there  
The smile of unchangeable love.



## SEPTEMBER.

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### TEMPTATIONS OF THE BELIEVER.

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#### 1. TEMPTATIONS PERMITTED BY GOD.

THE Lord said unto Satan, Behold, all that he hath is in thy power; only upon himself put not forth thine hand.  
*Job i. 12.*

Still thine integrity hold fast,  
The tempter's counsel spurn,  
Hope against hope, and God at last,  
Will for thy help return.

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#### 2. GOD DOES NOT TEMPT TO SIN.

Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man: but every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. *James i. 13, 14.*

My crimes, though great, do not surpass  
The power and glory of thy grace;  
Oh! wash my soul from every sin,  
And make my guilty conscience clean.

## 3. TEMPTATIONS—FROM SATAN.

Lest Satan should get an advantage of us : for we are not ignorant of his devices. 2 *Cor.* ii. 11.

Fear not Satan's strong temptations  
Though they tease thee day by day,  
And thy evil inclinations  
Overwhelm thee with dismay!  
Thou shalt conquer,  
Through the Lamb's redeeming blood.

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## 4. TEMPTATIONS—FROM A DEPRAVED NATURE.

I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me. *Rom.* vii. 21.

Oh ! who can free my troubled mind  
From sin's oppressive load ;  
Oh wretched man ! how shall I find  
Acceptance with my God.

My soul with transport turns to thee,  
To thee my Saviour turns ;  
Cleansed by thy blood, and saved by grace,  
My soul no longer mourns.

5. TEMPTATIONS—FROM THE LOVE OF  
RICHES.

They that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition. 1 *Tim.* vi. 9.

Oh lay not up upon this earth

Your hopes, your joys, your treasure,  
Here sorrow clouds the pilgrim's path,  
And blights each opening pleasure.

All, all below must fade and die,  
The dearest hopes we cherish,  
Scenes touched with brightest radiancy,  
Are all decreed to perish.

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6. TEMPTATIONS—FROM THE FEAR  
OF MAN.

The fear of man bringeth a snare :  
but whoso putteth his trust in the Lord  
shall be safe. *Prov.* xxix. 25.

The taunts and frowns of men of earth,  
What are they all to me !

Oh they are things of little worth  
Weighed with one smile from Thee,  
Who bore a sorrow deeper far,  
Than all these stingless trifles are.

7. TEMPTATION TO NEGLECT GOOD  
WORKS.

Ye did run well ; who did hinder  
you, that ye should not obey the truth ?  
*Gal.* v. 7.

Better that we had never known,  
The way to heaven through saving grace,  
Than basely in our lives disown,  
And slight and mock thee to thy face.

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8. TEMPTATION TO LEGAL DEPENDENCE.

Are ye so foolish ? having begun in  
the Spirit, are ye now made perfect in  
the flesh ? *Gal.* iii. 3.

Go, you that rest upon the law,  
And toil and seek salvation there ;  
Look to the flame that Moses saw,  
And shrink, and tremble, and despair.  
But I'll retire beneath thy cross—  
Saviour, at thy dear feet I'll lie ;  
And the keen sword that justice draws,  
Flaming and red, shall pass me by.

9. TEMPTATION TO FORMALITY IN  
RELIGION.

Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die: for I have not found thy works perfect before God. *Rev. iii. 2.*

God is a Spirit just and wise;  
He sees our inmost mind:  
In vain to heaven we raise our cries,  
And leave our souls behind.

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10. TEMPTATION TO SLOTHFULNESS  
IN RELIGION.

Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love. Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works. *Rev. ii. 4, 5.*

I need the influence of thy grace  
To speed me in the way,  
Lest I should loiter in my race,  
Or turn my feet astray.

## 11. TEMPTATION TO SELF-INDULGENCE.

I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection : lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway. 1 *Cor.* ix. 27.

When thy statutes I forsake,  
When my graces dimly shine,  
When my covenant I break,  
Jesus, then remember thine :  
Check my wanderings  
By a look of love divine.

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## 12. TEMPTATION TO TRIFLE WITH SIN.

Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein? *Rom.* vi. 1.

Shall we go on to sin,  
Because thy grace abounds?  
Or crucify the Lord again,  
And open all his wounds?  
We will be slaves no more,  
Since Christ has made us free;  
Has nailed our tyrants to his cross,  
And bought our liberty.

13. TEMPTATION TO SPIRITUAL PRIDE.

For who maketh thee to differ from another? and what hast thou that thou didst not receive? Now if thou didst receive it, why dost thou glory, as if thou hadst not received it? 1 *Cor.* iv. 7.

Oft have I turned my eyes within,  
And brought to mind some latent sin;  
But pride, the vice I most detest,  
Still lurks securely in my breast.

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14. TEMPTATION TO ENVY THE WICKED.

As for me, my feet were almost gone;  
my steps had well nigh slipped. For  
I was envious at the foolish, when I  
saw the prosperity of the wicked.  
*Psalms* lxxiii. 2, 3.

Their feet are in a slippery place;  
Their riches swift as shadows fly;  
Their honours end in deep disgrace;  
In mirth they live, in anguish die.

15.      TEMPTATION TO MISTRUST  
             PROVIDENCE.

If God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to-morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith? *Matt. vi. 30.*

I know not what may soon betide,  
Or how my wants shall be supplied;  
But Jesus knows, and will provide.

When creature comforts fade and die,  
Worldlings may weep—but why should I?  
Jesus still lives, and still is nigh.

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16.      TEMPTATION TO DESPAIR.

I sink in deep mire, where there is no standing : I am come into deep waters, where the floods overflow me. I am weary of my crying : my throat is dried : mine eyes fail while I wait for my God. *Psalms lxi. 2, 3.*

Prostrate before thy mercy-seat,  
I cannot if I would despair;  
None ever perished at thy feet,  
And I would lie for ever there.



17. TEMPTATION HUMBLER THE  
BELIEVER.

Lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure. 2 *Cor.* xii. 7.

What though a thorn my bosom bears,  
And varied are the wants and cares,  
That mark my chequered way?  
My God hath said, in whom I live,  
"My grace is thine, and strength I give  
According to thy day."

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18. TEMPTATION TO BE RESISTED.

For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. *Eph.* vi. 12.

From strength to strength go on,  
Wrestle and fight, and pray;  
Tread all the powers of darkness down,  
And win the well fought day.

## 19. TEMPTATION TO BE AVOIDED.

Enter not into the path of the wicked,  
and go not in the way of evil men.  
Avoid it, pass not by it, turn from it,  
and pass away. *Prov. iv. 14.*

A wicked world and wicked heart  
With Satan are combined :  
Each acts a too successful part,  
In harassing my mind.

But fighting in my Saviour's strength,  
Though mighty are my foes,  
I shall a conqueror be at length  
O'er all that can oppose.

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20. TEMPTATION AVOIDED BY WATCH-  
FULNESS AND PRAYER.

Watch and pray, that ye enter not  
into temptation. *Matt. xxvi. 41.*

Go to dark Gethsemane,  
Ye that feel the tempter's power,  
Your Redeemer's conflict see.  
Watch with him one bitter hour ;  
Turn not from his griefs away,  
Learn of Jesus Christ to pray.

21. TEMPTATION OVERCOME BY FAITH.

Above all, taking the shield of faith,  
wherewith ye shall be able to quench  
all the fiery darts of the wicked. *Eph.*  
vi. 16.

Let faith exert its conquering power,  
Say in thy tempted, trembling hour,  
"My God, my Father, save thy son!"  
'Tis heard—and all thy fears are done.

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22. BELIEVER ARMED AGAINST  
TEMPTATION.

Take unto you the whole armour of  
God, that ye may be able to withstand  
in the evil day, and having done all,  
to stand. *Eph.* vi. 13.

The Christian warrior—see him stand  
In the whole armour of his God;  
The Spirit's sword is in his hand,  
His feet are with the gospel shod.

## 23. PRESERVATION FROM TEMPTATION.

Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation. *Rev.* iii. 10.

Thus preserved from Satan's wiles,  
Safe from dangers, free from fears,  
May I live upon thy smiles,  
Till the promised hour appears :  
When the sons of God shall prove  
All their Father's boundless love.

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## 24. PRESERVATION IN TEMPTATION.

Blessed is the man that endureth temptation : for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him. *James* i. 12.

When aught shall tempt my soul to stray  
From heavenly wisdom's narrow way,  
To shun the precept's holy light,  
Or quit my hold on Jesus' might,  
May He who felt temptation's power,  
Still guard me in that dangerous hour.

25. DELIVERANCE FROM TEMPTATION.

The Lord knoweth how to deliver  
the godly out of temptations. 2 *Pet.*  
ii. 9.

What though fierce and strong temptations  
Press around thee on the way,  
And thy sinful inclinations  
Often cause thee great dismay !  
Look to Jesus,  
Thou through him shalt gain the day.

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26. CHRIST THE STRENGTH OF THE  
TEMPTED.

My grace is sufficient for thee : for  
my strength is made perfect in weak-  
ness. 2 *Cor.* xi. 9.

Why should I fear the darkest hour  
Or tremble at the tempter's power ?  
Jesus vouchsafes to be my tower.

Though hot the fight, why quit the field ?  
Why must I either fear or yield,  
Since Jesus is my mighty shield ?

## 27. CHRIST'S SYMPATHY WITH THE TEMPTED.

In that he himself hath suffered  
being tempted, he is able to succour  
them that are tempted. *Heb. ii. 18.*

Touched with a sympathy within,  
He knows our feeble frame;  
He knows what sore temptations mean,  
For he has felt the same.

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## 28. CHRIST'S INTERCESSION FOR THE TEMPTED.

The Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat : but I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not. *Luke xxii. 31, 32.*

Though faint my prayers, and cold my love  
My steadfast hope shall not remove,  
While Jesus intercedes above.

Against me earth and hell combine;  
But on my side is power Divine;  
Jesus is all, and he is mine.

29. THE LORD'S PRAYER FOR THE  
TEMPTED.

Lead us not into temptation : but deliver us from evil. *Matt. vi. 13.*

Protect us in the dangerous hour,  
And from the wily tempter's power,  
Lord, set our spirits free ;  
And if temptation should assail,  
May mighty grace o'er all prevail,  
And lead our hearts to thee.

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30. FREEDOM FROM TEMPTATION IN  
HEAVEN.

To him that overcometh, will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne. *Rev. iii. 21.*

Though temptations now attend thee,  
And thou tread'st the thorny road,  
His right hand shall still defend thee,  
Soon he'll bring thee home to God :  
Full deliverance  
Thou shalt have in heaven above.

## OCTOBER.

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### *RETROSPECTIONS OF THE BELIEVER.*

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#### 1. DUTY OF RETROSPECTION.

THOU shalt remember all the way which the Lord thy God led thee these forty years in the wilderness, to humble thee, and to prove thee, to know what was in thine heart, whether thou wouldst keep his commandments. *Deut.* viii. 2.

Thus far the Lord has led me on,  
And made his truth and mercy known ;  
And while I tread this desert land,  
New mercies shall new songs demand.



2. OF THE DIVINE HELP.

Then Samuel took a stone, and set it between Mizpeh and Shen, and called the name of it Ebenezer, saying, Hitherto hath the Lord helped us. 1 *Sam.* vii. 12.

Here I raise my Ebenezer,  
Hither, by thy help, I'm come:  
And I hope, by thy good pleasure,  
Safely to arrive at home.

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3. OF THE DIVINE GUIDANCE.

Who am I, O Lord God? and what is my house, that thou hast brought me hitherto? and this was yet a small thing in thy sight, O Lord God. 2 *Sam.* vii. 18, 19.

Rendered safe by his protection,  
I shall pass the watery waste;  
Trusting to his wise direction,  
I shall gain the port at last;  
And with wonder.  
Think on toils and dangers past.

## 4. OF THE DIVINE FAITHFULNESS.

Thou hast dealt well with thy servant,  
O Lord, according unto thy word. *Psa.*  
*cxix. 65.*

Since first the maze of life I trod,  
Hast thou not hedged about my way,  
My worldly vain designs withstood,  
And robbed my passions of their prey?  
Thrice happy loss, which makes me see  
My happiness alone in thee!

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## 5. OF THE DIVINE FORBEARANCE.

It is of the Lord's mercies that we  
are not consumed, because his compas-  
sions fail not. They are new every  
morning; great is thy faithfulness.  
*Lam. iii. 22, 23.*

Lift up to God the voice of praise,  
Whose goodness, passing thought,  
Loads every minute as it flies  
With benefits unsought.

6. OF THE DIVINE MERCY.

He hath not dealt with us after our sins ; nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. *Psalm ciii. 10.*

He hath with a piteous eye  
Looked upon our misery :  
Let us, then, with gladsome mind,  
Praise the Lord, for he is kind :  
For his mercies shall endure,  
Ever faithful, ever sure.



7. OF THE DIVINE COUNSEL AND  
INSTRUCTION.

I will bless the Lord, who hath given me counsel : my reins also instruct me in the night seasons. *Psalm xvi. 7.*

Sure, the Lord thus far has brought me,  
By his watchful tender care ;  
Sure, 'tis he himself has taught me  
How to seek his face by prayer :  
After so much mercy past,  
Will he give me up at last ?

## 8. OF DIVINE PROMISES FULFILLED.

Ye know in all your hearts and in all your souls, that not one thing hath failed of all the good things which the Lord your God spake concerning you; all are come to pass unto you, and not one thing hath failed thereof. *Josh. xxiii. 14.*

In all my ways thy hand I own,  
Thy ruling providence I see;  
Assist me still my course to run,  
And still direct my paths to thee.

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## 9. OF UNNUMBERED BLESSINGS.

Many, O Lord my God, are thy wonderful works which thou hast done, and thy thoughts which are to us-ward: they cannot be reckoned up in order unto thee: if I would declare and speak of them, they are more than can be numbered. *Psalms xl. 5.*

For mercies countless as the sand,  
Which daily I receive  
From Jesus, my Redeemer's hand,  
My soul, what canst thou give?

10. OF EARLY PIOUS INSTRUCTION.

Continue thou in the things which  
thou hast learned and hast been as-  
sured of, knowing of whom thou hast  
learned them. 2 *Tim.* iii. 14.

Lord, hast thou made me know thy ways?  
Conduct me in thy fear;  
And grant me such supplies of grace  
That I may persevere.

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11. OF HIS NATURAL STATE.

You that were sometime alienated  
and enemies in your mind by wicked  
works, yet now hath he reconciled.  
*Col.* i. 21.

Plunged in a gulf of dark despair,  
We wretched sinners lay,  
Without one cheerful beam of hope,  
Or spark of glimmering day.

## 12. OF THE SINS OF HIS LIFE.

How many are mine iniquities and sins ! make me to know my transgression and my sin. *Job* xiii. 23.

My past transgressions pain me ;  
Lord, cleanse my heart within ;  
And evermore restrain me  
From all presumptuous sin.

So let my whole behaviour,  
Thoughts, words, and actions be,  
O God, my strength and Saviour,  
Acceptable to thee.

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## 13. OF PAST UNPROFITABLENESS.

For when ye were the servants of sin, ye were free from righteousness. What fruit had ye then in those things whereof ye are now ashamed ? *Rom.* vi. 29, 21.

Lord, I confess my numerous faults,  
How great my guilt has been ;  
Foolish and vain were all my thoughts,  
And all my life was sin.

14. OF THE SEASON OF CONVERSION.

Giving thanks unto the Father,  
which hath made us meet to be par-  
takers of the inheritance of the saints  
in light : who hath delivered us from  
the power of darkness, and hath trans-  
lated us into the kingdom of his dear  
Son. *Col. i. 12, 13.*

Since the dear hour that brought me to thy  
foot,  
And cut up all my follies by the root,  
I never trusted in an arm but thine,  
Nor hoped but in thy righteousness Divine:  
Cast at thy glorious feet, mine only plea  
Is what it was, dependence upon thee.

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15. OF SPIRITUAL DELIVERANCE.

Great is thy mercy toward me : and  
thou hast delivered my soul from the  
lowest hell. *Psalms lxxxvi. 13.*

He pardoned my transgressions,  
Bade all my sorrows cease ;  
And, in his rich compassions,  
Restored my soul to peace.

## 16. OF SPIRITUAL ENJOYMENTS.

I sat down under his shadow with great delight, and his fruit was sweet to my taste. He brought me to the banqueting house, and his banner over me was love. *Sol. Song ii. 3, 4.*

Kindly he brought me to the place  
Where stands the banquet of his grace;  
He saw me faint, and o'er my head  
The banner of his love he spread.

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## 17. OF SUPPORT IN AFFLICTION.

Unless thy law had been my delight,  
I should then have perished in mine affliction. *Psalms cxix. 92.*

God of my life, how good, how wise  
Thy judgments to my soul have been!  
They were but blessings in disguise,  
The painful remedies of sin.  
How different now thy ways appear,  
Most merciful, when most severe!



18. OF ANSWERS TO PRAYER.

I love the Lord, because he hath heard my voice and my supplications. Because he hath inclined his ear unto me, therefore will I call upon him as long as I live. *Psalm cxvi.* 1, 2.

Did ever trouble yet befall,  
And he refuse to hear thy call?  
And has he not his promise passed,  
That thou shalt overcome at last?

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19. OF DELIVERANCE FROM ADVERSITY.

I will be glad and rejoice in thy mercy : for thou hast considered my trouble ; thou hast known my soul in adversities. *Psalm xxxi.* 7.

Oh, magnify the Lord with me ;  
Come, join his name to bless :  
To him did I in trouble flee ;  
He saved me from distress :  
Oh, let him then your refuge be,  
Nor shall you want success !

## 20. OF DELIVERANCE FROM DANGER.

Thou drewest near in the day that I called upon thee : thou saidst, Fear not. O Lord, thou hast pleaded the causes of my soul ; thou hast redeemed my life. *Lam.* iii. 57, 58.

Be all my added life employed  
Thy image in my soul to see :  
Fill with thyself the mighty void ;  
Enlarge my heart to compass thee.

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## 21. OF DELIVERANCE FROM DEATH.

O Lord, thou hast brought up my soul from the grave : thou hast kept me alive, that I should not go down to the pit. *Psalms* xxx. 3.

Thy mercy chased the shades of death,  
And snatched me from the grave ;  
Oh may thy praise employ that breath  
Which mercy deigns to save !

## 22. OF THE VANITY OF HUMAN LIFE.

And Jacob said unto Pharaoh, The days of the years of my pilgrimage are an hundred and thirty years : few and evil have the days of the years of my life been. *Gen. xlviii. 9.*

This life's a dream, an empty show,  
But the bright world to which I go  
Hath joys substantial and sincere:  
When shall I wake and find me there?

## 23. OF DEPARTED FRIENDS.

I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. 1 *Thess.* iv. 13, 14.

Though loved and lost, not ours the pang  
of those [knows :  
Whose earth-born grief no heavenly balsam  
We would not call their spirits from their  
home [not come.  
Where sin assails them not, and sorrow can-

## 24. AGED BELIEVER'S RETROSPECT.

O God, thou hast taught me from my youth : and hitherto have I declared thy wondrous works. Now also when I am old and gray-headed, O God, forsake me not. *Psalm lxxi.* 17, 18.

Still hath my life new wonders seen  
Repeated every year :  
Behold, my days which yet remain  
I trust them to thy care.

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25. RETROSPECTION SHOULD LEAD TO  
GRATITUDE.

What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits toward me ! I will take the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord. *Psalm cxvi.* 12, 13.

When all thy mercies, O my God,  
My rising soul surveys,  
Transported with the view, I'm lost  
In wonder, love, and praise.

26. RETROSPECTION SHOULD LEAD TO  
SELF-EXAMINATION.

I have considered the days of old, the  
years of ancient times. I call to re-  
membrance my song in the night: I  
commune with mine own heart: and  
my spirit made diligent search. *Psalms*  
*lxxvii.* 5, 6.

Help me, O Lord, to try my heart,  
To search with strictest care,  
And all my thoughts, and words, and ways,  
With Scripture to compare.

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27. RETROSPECTION SHOULD LEAD TO  
SELF-ABASEMENT.

And Jacob said, I am not worthy  
of the least of all thy mercies, and of  
all the truth, which thou hast shewed  
unto thy servant. *Gen.* xxxii. 10.

Unworthy, Lord, of all  
Thy mercies though we be,  
Yet for the greatest we may call,  
The greatest are most free.

28. RETROSPECTION SHOULD LEAD TO  
REPENTANCE.

Surely it is meet to be said unto God, I have borne chastisement, I will not offend any more: that which I see not teach thou me: if I have done iniquity, I will do no more. *Job xxxiv.* 31, 32.

In thought, in will, in word and deed,  
What evils have I done,  
Against the God of grace and love,  
His Spirit and his Son!

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29. RETROSPECTION SHOULD LEAD TO  
AMENDMENT OF LIFE.

I thought on my ways, and turned my feet unto thy testimonies. I made haste, and delayed not to keep thy commandments. *Psalms cxix.* 59, 60.

Thou art my portion, O my God;  
Soon as I know thy way.  
My heart makes haste to obey thy word,  
And suffers no delay.

30. RETROSPECTION SHOULD LEAD TO  
CONFIDENCE IN GOD.

Return unto thy rest, O my soul; for the Lord hath dealt bountifully with thee. For thou hast delivered my soul from death, mine eyes from tears, and my feet from falling. *Psalms* cxvi. 7, 8.

For this, when future sorrows rise,  
To him will I direct my cries;  
For this, through all my future days,  
Adore his name, and sing his praise.

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31. RETROSPECTION SHOULD LEAD TO  
DEVOTEDNESS TO GOD.

Only fear the Lord, and serve him in truth with all your heart : for consider how great things he hath done for you. 1 *Sam.* xii. 24.

My God, my King, thy various praise  
Shall fill the remnant of my days;  
Thy grace employ my humble tongue  
Till death and glory raise the song.

May every hour successive bear  
Some thankful tribute to thine ear;  
And by thy grace accepted be,  
As works of love performed for thee.

# NOVEMBER.

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## ANTICIPATIONS OF THE BELIEVER.

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### 1. BELIEVER'S CONFIDENCE IN GOD.

MY times are in thy hand: make  
thy face to shine upon thy servant:  
save me for thy mercies' sake. *Psalm*  
*xxxi.* 15, 16.

“ My times are in thy hand,”  
My God, I wish them there :  
My life, my friends, my soul, I leave  
Entirely to thy care.

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### 2. OF FUTURE SUPPORT.

Trust in the Lord, and do good ; so  
shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily  
thou shalt be fed. *Psalm xxxvii.* 3, 4.

The birds without barn or storehouse are fed;  
From them let us learn to trust for our bread:  
His saints what is fitting shall ne'er be  
denied,

So long as 'tis written, The Lord will provide.



3. OF DELIVERANCE FROM TROUBLE.

Thou, which hast shewed me great  
and sore troubles, shalt quicken me  
again, and shalt bring me up again  
from the depths of the earth. *Psalms*  
lxxi. 20.

From every piercing sorrow  
That heaves our breast to-day  
Or threatens us to-morrow,  
Hope turns our eyes away;  
On wings of faith ascending,  
We see the land of light,  
And feel our sorrows ending  
In infinite delight.

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4. OF BEING KEPT BY CHRIST.

I know whom I have believed, and  
am persuaded that he is able to keep  
that which I have committed unto him  
against that day. *2 Tim. i. 12.*

Beneath his smiles my heart has lived,  
And part of heaven possessed;  
I thank him for the grace received,  
And trust him for the rest.

5. OF THE COMPLETION OF THE WORK  
OF GRACE.

Being confident of this very thing,  
that he which hath begun a good work  
in you will perform it until the day of  
Jesus Christ. *Phil. i. 6.*

He will complete the work begun,  
He will his own defend;  
Will give me strength my course to run,  
And love me to the end.

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6. OF THE TRIUMPHS OF THE GOSPEL.

His name shall endure for ever : his  
name shall be continued as long as the  
sun : and men shall be blessed in him,  
all nations shall call him blessed.  
*Psalms lxxii. 17.*

Lord, let the thought of that bright day  
Kindle our hopes, and warm our love;  
Cheer us while here on earth we pray,  
And crown our song in heaven above.

7. OF THE END OF HIS WARFARE.

The time of my departure is at hand.  
I have fought a good fight, I have  
finished my course, I have kept the  
faith. 2 *Tim.* iv. 6, 7.

Oh most delightful hour by man  
Experienced here below,  
The hour that terminates his span  
Of conflict and of woe.

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8. OF VICTORY OVER SATAN.

The God of peace shall bruise Satan  
under your feet shortly. *Rom.* xvi. 20.

Now let my soul arise,  
And tread the tempter down;  
My Captain leads me forth  
To conquest and a crown :  
A feeble saint shall win the day,  
Though death and hell obstruct the way.

## 9. OF VICTORY OVER SIN.

Oh wretched man that I am ! who shall deliver me from the body of this death ? I thank God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Rom.* vii. 24, 25.

Now to the God of victory  
Immortal thanks be paid,  
Who makes us conquerors while we die,  
Though Christ our living Head.

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## 10. OF VICTORY OVER THE GRAVE.

God will redeem my soul from the power of the grave : for he shall receive me. *Psalms* xlix. 15.

There, till the archangel's trumpet sound,  
Ages of silence I shall lie ;  
Then from my earthly cell rebound,  
Glorious in immortality.

# 11. OF THE CERTAINTY OF DEATH.

When a few years are come, then I  
shall go the way whence I shall not  
return. *Job xvi. 22.*

Welcome, sweet hour of full discharge,  
That sets my longing soul at large ;  
Unbinds my chains, breaks up my cell,  
And gives me with my God to dwell.

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# 12. OF SUPPORT IN THE HOUR OF DEATH.

Yea, though I walk through the  
valley of the shadow of death, I will  
fear no evil : for thou art with me ; thy  
rod and thy staff they comfort me.  
*Psaln xxiii, 4.*

When the vale of death appears,  
(Faint and cold this mortal clay,)  
Kind Forerunner, soothe my fears,  
Light me through the darksome way :  
Break the shadows,  
Usher in eternal day.

## 13. OF THE END OF THE WORLD.

The day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night ; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. 2 *Pet.* iii. 10.

Lo ! it comes—that day of wonder !

Louder chorals shake the skies :

Hades' gates are burst asunder ;

See the new-clothed myriads rise

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## 14. OF A JOYFUL RESURRECTION.

I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth : and though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God. *Job* xix. 25, 26.

Though worms may waste this withering  
clay,

When flesh and spirit sever ;

My soul shall see eternal day,

And dwell with God for ever.

15. OF THE COMING OF CHRIST TO  
JUDGMENT.

Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him : and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him.  
*Rev. i. 7.*

Great God ! what do I see and hear !

The end of things created :

The Judge of mankind doth appear

In clouds of glory seated ;

The trumpet sounds, the graves restore

The dead which they contained before :

Prepare, my soul, to meet him.

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16. OF MEETING THE JUDGE.

We must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad. *2 Cor. v. 10.*

Oh ! on that day, that wrathful day,  
When man to judgment wakes from clay,  
Lord, be the trembling sinner's stay,  
Though heaven and earth shall pass away.

## 17. OF ENTIRE ACQUITTAL.

Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth. Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died; yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us. *Rom. viii. 33, 34.*

Fear not the trump's earth-rending sound,  
Dread not the day of doom;  
For He that is to be thy Judge,  
Thy Saviour is become.

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18. OF PARTICIPATION IN THE  
JUDGMENT.

Do ye not know that the saints shall judge the world? *1 Cor. vi. 2.*

See the Judge, our nature wearing,  
Clothed in majesty divine;  
Ye who long for his appearing  
Then shall say, "This God is mine:"  
Gracious Saviour,  
Own us in that day as thine!



19. OF BEING PRESENTED FAULTLESS.

Unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy. *Jude 24.*

What transport then shall fill my heart,  
When thou my worthless name wilt own;  
When I shall see thee as thou art,  
And know as I myself am known !

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20. OF AN INCORRUPTIBLE BODY.

So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. *1 Cor. xv. 54.*

Where then thy triumph, Grave? and where thy sting,  
O sullen Death? what terror dost thou bring?  
We burst thy iron band. and soar on high :  
Glory to Christ the Lord, who brings us victory !

## 21. OF A GLORIOUS BODY.

Who shall change our vile body,  
that it may be fashioned like unto his  
glorious body, according to the work-  
ing whereby he is able even to subdue  
all things unto himself. *Phil.* iii. 17.

My flesh shall slumber in the ground  
Till the last trumpet's joyful sound ;  
Then burst the chains, with sweet surprise,  
And in my Saviour's image rise.

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## 22. OF BEING WITH CHRIST.

To me to live is Christ, and to die  
is gain. For I am in a strait betwixt  
two, having a desire to depart, and to  
be with Christ, which is far better.  
*Phil.* i. 21, 23.

'Tis best, 'tis infinitely best,  
To go where tempests never come ;  
Where saints and angels, ever blest,  
Dwell, and enjoy their heavenly home.

23. OF BEING EVER WITH CHRIST.

Then we which are alive and remain  
shall be caught up together with them  
in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the  
air : and so shall we ever be with the  
Lord. 1 *Thess.* iv. 17.

Oh, who can tell what joy shall beam  
On all the ransomed race,  
When they shall join the hallowed strains  
And see the Saviour's face!

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24. OF REIGNING WITH CHRIST.

It is a faithful saying : For if we be  
dead with him, we shall also live with  
him : if we suffer, we shall also reign  
with him. 2 *Tim.* ii. 11, 12.

Ever upward may we move,  
Wafted on the wings of love :  
Looking when our Lord shall come,  
Longing, gasping after home !  
There may we with thee remain,  
Partners of thine endless reign.

## 25. OF BEING LIKE CHRIST.

Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be : but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. 1 *John* iii. 2.

Him eye to eye we there shall see,  
Our face like his shall shine :  
Oh, what a glorious company,  
When saints and angels join !

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## 26. OF AN HEAVENLY HABITATION.

We know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. 2 *Cor.* v. 1.

There is a home for weary souls,  
By sin and sorrow driven ;  
When tossed on life's tempestuous shoals,  
Where storms arise, and ocean rolls,  
'Tis found above—in heaven.

27. OF PERFECTION OF KNOWLEDGE  
IN HEAVEN.

Now we see through a glass, darkly ;  
but then face to face : now I know in  
part ; but then shall I know even as  
also I am known. 1 *Cor.* xiii. 12.

As through a glass I dimly see  
The wonders of thy love ;  
How little do I know of thee,  
Or of the joys above !

'Tis but in part I know thy will—  
I bless thee for the sight ;  
When will thy love the rest reveal  
In glory's clearer light ?

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28. OF A CROWN OF RIGHTEOUSNESS.

Henceforth there is laid up for me a  
crown of righteousness, which the Lord,  
the righteous Judge, shall give me at  
that day. 2 *Tim.* iv. 8.

God has laid up in heaven for me  
A crown which cannot fade ;  
The righteous Judge, in that great day,  
Shall place it on my head.

29. OF REUNION WITH GLORIFIED  
SPIRITS.

What is our hope, or joy, or crown  
of rejoicing? Are not even ye in the  
presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at  
his coming? 1 *Thess.* ii. 19.

We soon shall join the throng,  
Their pleasures we shall share,  
And sing the everlasting song  
With all the ransomed there :  
Hallelujah!  
We are on our way to God.

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30. BELIEVER'S ANTICIPATIONS A CALL  
TO HOLINESS.

Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye  
look for such things, be diligent that  
ye may be found of him in peace,  
without spot, and blameless. 2 *Pet.*  
iii. 14.

Yet with these prospects full in sight  
I'll wait thy signal for my flight;  
For while thy service I pursue,  
I find a heaven in all I do.

## DECEMBER.

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### *FINAL BLESSEDNESS OF THE BELIEVER.*

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#### 1. ETERNAL LIFE THE GIFT OF GOD.

Now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life. For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Rom. vi. 22, 23.*

From thee, my God, my joys shall rise,  
And run eternal rounds,  
Beyond the limits of the skies,  
And all created bounds.

## 2. ETERNAL LIFE THE PURCHASE OF CHRIST.

Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us. *Heb. ix. 12.*

Pardon and peace to dying men,  
And endless life are given :  
By the rich blood that Jesus shed  
Our souls are brought to heaven.

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## 3. ETERNAL LIFE SECURED BY THE SPIRIT.

The Holy Spirit of promise is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory. *Eph. i. 13, 14.*

Dost thou not dwell in all the saints,  
And seal the heirs of heaven ?  
When wilt thou banish my complaints,  
And show my sins forgiven ?



## 4. HEAVEN THE DESIRE OF THE SAINTS.

Whilst we are at home in the body,  
we are absent from the Lord, we are  
confident, and willing rather to be ab-  
sent from the body, and to be present  
with the Lord. 2 *Cor.* v. 6, 8.

In that bright city I would dwell,  
With that blessed church the Saviour  
praise.  
And, safe redeemed from death and hell,  
Sit at his feet through endless days.

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## 5. HEAVEN A REST.

There remaineth a rest to the people  
of God. *Heb.* iv. 9.

Oh where shall rest be found,  
Rest for the weary soul?  
'Twere vain the ocean-depths to sound,  
Or pierce to either pole.  
Beyond this vale of tears,  
There is a life above,  
Unmeasured by the flight of years—  
And all that life is love.

## 6. HEAVEN COMPARED TO A MARRIAGE SUPPER.

Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. *Rev. xix. 9.*

“Worthy the Lamb!” aloud they cry,

“That brought us here to God:”

In ceaseless hymns of praise they shout  
The merits of his blood.

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## 7. HEAVEN AN INHERITANCE.

He is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance. *Heb. ix. 15.*

There is my house and portion fair,  
My treasure and my heart are there,  
And my abiding home ;  
For me my elder brethren stay,  
And angels beckon me away,  
And Jesus bids me come.

## 8. HEAVEN A KINGDOM.

I appoint unto you a kingdom, as my Father hath appointed unto me; that ye may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom. *Luke xxii. 29, 30.*

O God! O Good beyond compare!  
If all thy meaner works are fair,  
How glorious must that kingdom be,  
Where thy redeemed shall dwell with thee!

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## 9. HEAVEN IS PREPARED MANSIONS.

In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. *John xiv. 2.*

High in yonder realms of light,  
Far above these lower skies,  
Fair and exquisitely bright,  
Heaven's unfading mansions rise.

Glad within these blest abodes,  
Dwell th' enraptured saints above,  
Where no anxious care corrodes,  
Happy in Immanuel's love.

## 10. HEAVEN COMPARED TO PARADISE.

Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, To-day shalt thou be with me in paradise. *Luke* xxiii. 43.

There is a land of pure delight,  
Where saints immortal reign ;  
Infinite day excludes the night,  
And pleasures banish pain.

There everlasting spring abides,  
And never-withering flowers :  
Death, like a narrow sea, divides  
This heavenly land from ours.

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## 11. HEAVEN A STATE OF HOLINESS.

There shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie ; but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life. *Rev.* xxi. 27.

The soul, from sin for ever free,  
Shall mourn its power no more,  
But clothed in spotless purity,  
Redeeming love adore.

## 12. HEAVEN A STATE OF HAPPINESS.

Thou wilt show me the path of life :  
in thy presence is fulness of joy ; at  
thy right hand there are pleasures for  
evermore. *Psalm xvi. 11.*

Love, in an ever-deepening tide,  
O'er all the plains above  
Spreads, like a sea immensely wide—  
For God himself is love.

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## 13. HEAVEN A STATE OF SERVICE.

They serve him day and night in his  
temple ; and he that sitteth on the  
throne shall dwell among them. *Rev.*  
*vii. 15.*

And swift to do his high behest  
Each spirit wings its flight ;  
And virtue glows on every breast,  
A gem of purest light.

## 14. NO SORROW IN HEAVEN.

God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes ; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain ; for the former things are passed away. *Rev. xxi. 4.*

Joy and gladness banish sighs,  
Perfect love dispels their fears,  
And for ever from their eyes,  
God shall wipe away all tears.

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## 15. NO CURSE IN HEAVEN.

There shall be no more curse : but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it. *Rev. xxii. 3.*

When we shall Christ in glory meet,  
Our utmost joys shall be complete :  
When landed on that heavenly shore,  
Death and the curse shall be no more.

## 16. NO NIGHT IN HEAVEN.

There shall be no night there ; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun ; for the Lord God giveth them light : and they shall reign for ever and ever. *Rev.* xxii. 5.

Nor needed is the shining moon,  
Nor e'en the sun's bright ray ;  
For glory, from the sacred throne,  
Spreads everlasting day.

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## 17. NO DEATH IN HEAVEN.

They which shall be accounted worthy to obtain that world, and the resurrection from the dead, neither marry nor are given in marriage : neither can they die any more : for they are equal unto the angels. *Luke* xx. 35, 36.

There pain and sickness never come,  
And grief no more complains :  
Health triumphs in immortal bloom,  
And endless pleasure reigns.

## 18. PRAISES OF HEAVEN.

They sung a new song, saying, Thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation.  
*Rev. v. 9.*

Hark! hark! the voice of ceaseless praise  
Around Jehovah's throne!  
Songs of celestial joy they raise,  
To mortal lips unknown.

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## 19. SOCIETY OF HEAVEN.

These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb: therefore are they before the throne of God. *Rev. vii. 14. 15.*

Clad in raiment pure and white,  
Victor palms in every hand,  
Through their great Redeemer's might,  
More than conquerors they stand.



## 20. SAINTS SHALL BE WITH GOD.

He will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.  
*Rev. xxi. 3.*

Oh glorious hour! oh blest abode!  
I shall be near and like my God;  
And flesh and sin no more control  
The sacred pleasures of the soul.

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## 21. SAINTS SHALL BE WITH CHRIST.

Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory.  
*John xvii. 24.*

Oh then shall the veil be removed,  
And round me thy brightness be poured:  
I shall meet Him whom absent I loved,  
I shall see Him whom unseen I adored!

## 22. SAINTS SHALL INHERIT ALL THINGS.

He that overcometh shall inherit all things ; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son. *Rev. xxi. 7.*

The saints in his presence receive  
Their great and eternal reward ;  
With Jesus in heaven they live ;  
They reign in the smile of their Lord.

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## 23. SAINTS SHALL BE PERFECT.

Ye are come unto the general assembly and church of the first-born, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect. *Heb. xii. 22, 23.*

A life in heaven ! oh what is this ?  
The sum of all that faith believed ;  
Fulness of joy, and perfect bliss.  
Unseen—unfathomed—unconceived.

24. SAINTS SHALL BE GLORIOUS IN  
APPEARANCE.

Then shall the righteous shine forth  
as the sun in the kingdom of their  
Father. *Matt. xiii. 43.*

The Lamb is their light and their sun,  
And, lo, by reflection they shine ;  
With Jesus ineffably one,  
And bright in effulgence divine.

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25. SAINTS SHALL BE HONOURED AS  
VICTORS.

I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude,  
which no man could number, of all  
nations, and kindreds, and people, and  
tongues, stood before the throne, and  
before the Lamb, clothed with white  
robes, and palms in their hands. *Rev.*  
*vii. 9.*

Now the conquerors bring their palms  
To the Lamb amidst the throne,  
And proclaim in joyful psalms,  
Victory through his cross alone.

26. SAINTS SHALL BE KINGS AND  
PRIESTS UNTO GOD.

Thou hast made us unto our God  
kings and priests : and we shall reign  
on the earth. *Rev.* v. 10.

Thou hast redeemed our souls with blood,  
Hast set the prisoners free,  
Hast made us kings and priests to God,  
And we shall reign with thee.

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27. JOYS OF HEAVEN ARE SURE.

Oh how great is thy goodness, which  
thou hast laid up for them that fear  
thee ; which thou hast wrought for  
them that trust in thee before the sons  
of men ! *Psalms* xxxi. 19.

This is the hope that shall sustain me  
Till life's pilgrimage be past ;  
Fears may vex, and troubles pain me,  
I shall reach my home at last.

## 28. JOYS OF HEAVEN ARE ABUNDANT.

The Lamb which is in the midst of  
the throne shall feed them, and shall  
lead them unto living fountains of  
water. *Rev. vii. 17.*

The Lamb that fills the middle throne  
Shall shed around his milder beams,  
There shall they feast on his rich love,  
And drink full joys from heavenly  
streams.

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## 29. JOYS OF HEAVEN ARE SATISFYING.

I will behold thy face in righteousness:  
I shall be satisfied, when I  
awake, with thy likeness. *Psalms xvii.*  
15.

Oh! when awakened by thy care,  
Thy face I view, thy image bear,  
How shall my breast with transport glow!  
What full delight my heart o'erflow!

## 30. JOYS OF HEAVEN ARE ETERNAL.

Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out. *Rev. iii. 12.*

The everlasting doors  
Shall soon the saints receive  
Above, with angel powers,  
In glorious joy to live:  
Far from a world of grief and sin,  
With God eternally shut in.

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## 31. BELIEVERS TO WAIT FOR HEAVEN.

Blessed is he that waiteth, and cometh to the thousand three hundred and five and thirty days. But go thou thy way till the end be : for thou shalt rest, and stand in thy lot at the end of the days. *Dan. xii. 12, 13.*

Jerusalem, my happy home,  
My soul still pants for thee ;  
When shall my labours have an end  
In joy, and peace, and thee ?





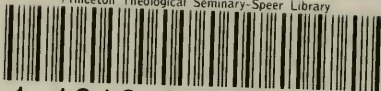








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